

Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee

# Around the Block

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## **2012-2013 Officers**

### **President:**

Dorothy Barr

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## **Committee & Activity**

### **Chairpersons**

#### **Audio/Visual:**

Michele Hackmeyer

#### **Audit:** Open

#### **Block Raffle:** Sharon Pollock

#### **Challenge:** Martha Tilden

#### **City Hall Quilt Show:**

Jeanne Brenner

#### **Door Prizes:**

Emily Telfair & Joan Simpson

#### **Helping Hands:**

Roberta Granville

#### **Historian:** Open

#### **Hospitality:** Jennifer Colley &

Barbara Wiggins

#### **Library:** Maura McLaughlin &

Shirley Shields

#### **Museum Quilt Show:**

#### **Museum Quilt Show Co-Chairs:**

Jennifer Moore & Dawn Griffin

#### **Newsletter:** Vickie Hooks

#### **Opportunity Quilt:** Marilyn Kelley

#### **Philanthropic:** Geni Raines

#### **Programs:** Wendy Stone

#### **Publicity:** Open

#### **Show 'n' Tell:** Betty Rinkel

#### **Silent Auction:** Sue Skornia

#### **Sit 'n' Stitch Coordinator:**

Marsha Walper

#### **SSQA Representative:**

Caroline Collins

#### **Sunshine:** Kathleen Turner

#### **Trip Coordinator:** Linda Brooks

#### **Web Master:** Melissa Raulston

#### **Workshops:** Kris Hebert

## President's Message

### Hints from Heloise the Quilter

Dear Dorothy

One of my quilt blocks is not exactly square. Is there a way to stretch it to even up the sides and make it the 12 1/2 inches it should be?

Dear Wop-sided

If your quilt block is on a fraction of an inch off, you can try a technique called "blocking" to gently coax the block into a perfect square. Cut a piece of freezer paper the exact size of your unfinished square, which in this case is 12 1/2 inches. Press the waxy side down on your ironing board. Place your quilt block on top of the freezer paper, aligning the edges and corners. Pin in place. Next, use your steam iron or fabric sizing to moisten the fabric and press. Allow to air dry and the result should be an even square.

To prevent uneven blocks, be sure to use accurate seam allowances and avoid stretching the fabric when pressing your block pieces during the construction of the block.

Dorothy Barr, President

*Life is a journey, not a destination.*

## ROAD TO FLORIDA 2013 Challenge Wrap-Up

Twenty-five challenge quilts were displayed at the August 8 QU meeting. Members voted, and the results were: BEST OF SHOW - Marsha Walper's Sunshine and Citrus, 2nd - Martha Tilden, 3rd - Hattie Pennie. Honorable mentions went to Linda O'Sullivan, Marsha Walper, Nancy O'Rourke, Stephanie Guttman x 2, Barbara Hoagland, Mary Catherine Scott, Kathleen Turner and Janet Pearce. The above 12 will be our Raffle Blocks of the Month beginning January 2014. Equally lovely quilts were made by Clara Black, Sharon Pollock, Charlotte Williams, Esther Weiner, Jennifer Moore, Sharon Christiansen, Judy Walker, Lucy Patrick, Betty Rinkel, Wanda Crowe, Wendy Stone, Peggy Clark, Sue Skornia and Geni Rains (see Geni's for the first time in the show).

If you missed the meeting and want to see photos of the challenge quilts, go to QU website: [www.quilttallahassee.com](http://www.quilttallahassee.com) and look for a link under the new "push pin". Congratulations to all who made quilts and thanks to those who contributed to the prizes. We all learned new things in the challenge process and we'll see all of the quilts again in the "museum" show. Opening reception Sept 10, 5:30pm....bring food!

Martha Tilden, 2013 Challenge Chairperson

## Road to Florida Capital City Quilt Show Reminders

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Opening Night Reception 5:30-7:30 pm

The evening will include remarks by Museum Director, Dr. Jeana Brunson and featured speaker, Dr. Charlotte Williams, author of *Florida Quilts* and long-time member of Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee. Dr. Williams will speak on the history of quilting in Florida. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the members of the Guild.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>** Exhibit Dates

We still need volunteers to work at the show. Please call or send an email to Jennifer Moore to sign up. Her contact information is [jennfsulaw@comcast.net](mailto:jennfsulaw@comcast.net) or 850-443-8440.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Second Saturday at the Museum 11:00-12:30 pm

Museum Education Program Representative, Sarah Shaw, will lead a hands-on fiber arts activity. In honor of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Capital City Quilt Show, participants can create their own decorated quilt square. 2nd Saturday Family Programs at the Museum of Florida History offer hands-on history for every member of the family. The program, admission, and parking are free. This event is good for grandparents, parents and children.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - History at High Noon 12:00-12:45 pm

Jennifer Bailey, a QU member will speak on Quilting as Fine Art and artistic creativity in quilting. Jennifer will discuss the artistic importance of quilts and explore the development of quilting as a fine art. She has a deep appreciation for the discipline and has used her experience to help others explore the artistic creativity behind quilting. Parking and admission are free.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Quilt pick up 10:00-12:00

## Membership Renewal

★ Renew your QU Membership for 2014 by the December QU meeting. Dues are \$20/year; \$22/year if you want the directory mailed to you. Dues are payable by cash, check, or paypal (on the QU website). \*\*\*Be sure to renew your membership - Don't be left out of the 2014 directory!\*\*\*

★ Check your current information for accuracy at the sign-in table. A photographer will be available to take your picture for the new Directory.

## **Workshops**

**October 10, 11, 12, 2013 Mark your calendar now!!**

**Jane Hardy Miller** Author of **French Braid Quilts**, will be our guest in October.

Thursday evening's lecture and trunk show is titled,

"What French Braid Quilts Have Taught Me"

Friday October 11: **French Braid Tree Skirt**. Approx 50" diameter

Saturday, October 12: **Baby Braid** small quilt 37" x 44" \$35 + book + supplies

Please see Kris to get on the list. This teacher is well known and I expect to fill both workshops early.

Friday's workshop is almost full.

Books will be required for each day. Jane is OK with 2 people sharing a book. Visit the website...

<http://www.frenchbraidquilts.com/workshops/> for supply lists.

Workshop will need to be paid in full by the September meeting, so we can open it up to non-guild members if there is still room. Only 20 seats available each day.

Workshops: 9am to 4pm Timberlane Church of Christ, bring your lunch or cash for ordering in from Newks or Jimmy Johns.

Kris T Califano Hebert 850-508-7293 [krist29@comcast.net](mailto:krist29@comcast.net)

**Treat yourself to a workshop! They are a great mini-retreat and a wonderful way to expand your quilting skills!**

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Two Opportunities open**

#### **Hospitality Committee**

I would like to take a different approach for this role and that is to make it truly a committee. I'm looking for at least 6 people to volunteer to be on this committee. Each month the opening and closing duties would be the responsibility of 2 different people. With 6 folks that would mean that one person would only have this duty once every 3 months.

The other options is to forgo snacks altogether. Having food at every meeting is not a requirement and we could just have ad hoc committees to handle special events like the Christmas meeting.

Please let me, Michele Hackmeyer, know if you would be willing to work on a committee. I will not hold anyone to the commitment unless I get at least 6.

#### **Co-Vice President for Membership**

See Laura Keller for more information

# *Upcoming Programs*

## **September-Cats & Quilts**

Cats love their quilts and quilters love their cats. We often see this animal from the domestic to the wild featured in quilts. The cat lovers among us will surely amuse and amaze with their cat "tales" and our special "cat walk" show & tell.

- Did your cat once ruin a quilt?
- Does your cat have its *own* personal quilt?
- Got a cute cat block?
- Do you have a quilt made with feline fabric? Kitty cats, tigers, lions, leopards, etc

Come ready to share a funny story about your cat and a quilt or strut your stuff on the cat walk with your favorite cat quilt, block, bag or garment. You may even wish to wrap yourself in your favorite feline fabric that you have not yet been able to cut. Don't forget about our less fortunate kitties that have a better chance at adoption with a cute quilt in their cage. Bring your kitty quilts for donation (Please see the specifications on the website). It is a theme night so check out the animal quilt books on the library table and sample the cat whiskers, fur balls and catnip dip in the kitchen.

**October 10, 11, 12 2013 Jane Hardy Miller: French Braid Quilts**

## **November-Quilting in the Kitchen**

It's a theme night so Hospitality will feature some selected recipes from the Guild Cookbook. Never got one? Sign up for a special drawing to win your very own copy. As you enjoy the treats, listen to the ways our kitchens merge with our quilts. We will have a demonstration on how to make a quilted casserole cover. Bring your quilted kitchen items to share: placemats, table runners, appliance covers, casserole covers, etc. Participate in the potholder exchange. Bring your new homemade potholder and sign up for the potholder exchange.

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## **Misc Events**

### Dudley Farm Quilt Day

Dudley Farm Historic State Park, Newberry, Florida, is pleased to invite you to participate in the Dudley Farm Quilt Day that will be held October 5, 2013.

We are contacting guilds and quilt related businesses around FL to come as vendors, demonstrators, or guests. This will offer a unique, historic venue to sell and/or demonstrate your crafts, quilting supplies, and quilting equipment. There is no required fee for vendors/demonstrators, however, we suggest you make a donation to the Friends of Dudley Farm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [DudleyFarmQuiltDay@gmail.com](mailto:DudleyFarmQuiltDay@gmail.com). You can also reach us by phone at 352-472-1142 (Sandra), 386-454-4611 (Cindy), or 352-224-8260 (Samantha). Information on Dudley Farm Historic State Park and its events can be found on the following websites: [www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm/](http://www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm/) or [www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org](http://www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org)

### **Call for Fabric for the Leon County Jail Stitch-n-Time**

The Guild has been contacted by Officer Donna Guy who runs the quilting program at the Leon County Jail. They would really appreciate any fabric that our members would be willing to donate to this worthy cause. They are in particular need of Christmas fabrics. Bring any extra fabric you'd be willing to donate to the meeting September 12th and I will make sure it gets to Officer Guy. Thanks!

Geni Rains, Philanthropic Chair

## *Jacksonville Quilt Show Bus Trip 2013*

Put September 28 on your calendar for the bus trip to Jacksonville for the big quilt show. The trip is \$27.00 which includes the price of admission to the show. Enjoy the trip over, view the show, shop the vendor, and relax on the way back sharing your day with everyone. Please get with me during the guild meeting to make payment for your seat. We are not making a list. Your name goes on the list only when you make your \$27.00 payment. 15 seats left.

Give me a call with any questions.  
Linda Brooks

### **NEW CHALLENGE QUILT FOR 2014**

Get a head start on your Challenge Quilt for 2014! Our theme for next year is **Starry, Starry Night**.

The guidelines will be available for \$5.00 at the QU Meetings beginning in September. Look for me before and after the meetings to get your challenge rules. If you have never entered before, this is your year. I would love to see the walls covered in Challenge Quilts next August. Don't miss out. It is going to be a lot of fun!! Come see me and let's use our imagination! ~Deon Lewis

### **QUILT SHOW THEMES**

The Steering Committee approved the following themes for future quilt shows.

2016 By the Water's Edge  
2017 Sentimental Journey  
2018 Out of the Blue  
2019 Autumn Reverie  
2020 Jazz It Up  
2021 40 Years of Quilting—A Ruby Celebration  
2022 Come Fly With Me  
2023 Metamorphosis (Transformations)  
2024 Floral Fantasy  
2025 A Walk in the Woods  
2026 Kaleidoscope of Color

# 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
<b>Big Bend Hospice</b> 1:00-3:00 pm Virginia Lewis	<b>Sew for Hope</b> 2nd Tuesday 1:00 - 4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	<b>Crazy Quilters</b> Monticello Library 1:00 - 4:00 pm Barbara Sheats	<b>Sew Arty</b> 3rd Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm Kathleen Turner	<b>Thimble Buddies*</b> 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone	<b>Sew for Hope</b> 1st Saturday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm Cynthia Seyler
<b>The Quilting Bees</b> Senior Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>McQuilters</b> Ronald McDonald 1:00 - 3:00 pm Carol Harrison	<b>Pin Pals *</b> 1st & 3rd Wed. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Steans	<b>Patchwork &amp; Prayer</b> 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker  <b>Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety *</b> 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7:00 -9:00 pm Esther Weiner  <b>Applique' Addicts</b> NE Branch Library, Thomasville Rd 3rd Thurs. 6:00-8:00 pm Mary C. Scott		<b>Second Saturday</b> 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane  <b>Havana Sit 'n Stitch</b> 4th Sat. 1:00 pm Martha Mitchell
* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity <b>Sew Arty (Art Quilts)</b> 3rd Thursday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (bring own lunch 11:30-12:00, meeting starts at noon) Envision Credit Union, 440 North Monroe Street Contact: Kathleen Turner					

## *Dates to Remember*

- 9/10 Capital City Quilt Show Opening Reception
- 9/12 QU September Meeting
- 9/14 Quilt Show Family Saturday at Museum of Florida History
- 9/25 QU Newsletter Article Deadline for October
- 9/28 Quiltfest Jacksonville Bus Trip
- 10/10 QU October Meeting - Jane Hardy Miller
- 10/11 French Braid Workshop - Jane Hardy Miller
- 10/12 French Fraid Workshop - Jane Hardy Miller
- 10/22 Quilt Show History at High Noon at Museum of Florida History
- 10/24 QU Steering Committee Meeting, 7 PM - Old and New

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

This group is geared towards:

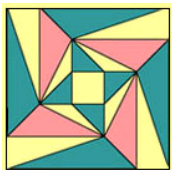
- "Small-arm quilters" - domestic sewing machines on a frame.
- "Mid-arm quilters" - those in the 14" – 16" range, a more industrial machine; for this group, this applies more to the ones on a frame, but can also apply to the growing crop of sit-down mid-arms. And "Long-arm quilters" - the big ones that we more characteristically think of, in the 18" to 30" in range, and which sit on a frame.

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

The date, time, and location for the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 25th, from 7:00 - 8:30pm, at Susan Dickerson's home (see directory for address). Meetings typically will be at a member's house so we can see their set-up. As such meeting dates and times will be subject to the hostess' schedule. There also may be road-trips to view equipment, perhaps take classes, have speakers, or as the group sees fit. E-mail reminders of the date/time/location will be sent out in

advance. Questions? Contact Karen Skinner (see Directory for her contact information)





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## Submit Info for Newsletter

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submissions is**

**the 25th of the month.**

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