

Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee

# Around the Block

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## **2012-2013 Officers**

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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:**

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#### **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

Thank you for a wonderful year. I have enjoyed being your President and look forward to seeing you all in the coming year.

Dorothy Barr, President

*Life is a journey, not a destination.*

## **CHALLENGE QUILT FOR 2014**

Get a head start on your Challenge Quilt for 2014!

Theme is Starry, Starry Night

The guidelines will be available for \$5.00 at the QU meetings. Look for me before and after the meetings to get your challenge rules.

Here's a little hint. You can take your inspiration from a dream or fantasy. 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

## **Road to Florida Capital City Quilt Show Reminder**

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

### **Advertising in QU Newsletter now available!**

The final piece is in place to provide for advertising in the QU newsletter, Around the Block. If you look on the QU Website, under 'About Us', you will find a link to 'Advertise with QU'. This link takes you to a page that explains the criteria, allows for entry of an advertiser's information and includes a place to upload or type in the business card sized ad copy. Payment is made using Paypal. You do not have to have a Paypal account already set up as Paypal will allow you to pay with a credit card.

At this time, we are accepting advertising, but we are not set up to accept classified type 'for sale' items. We are looking into other avenues such as facebook to provide that type of notice. Michele Hackmeyer, President

### **Hospitality**

Due to the lack of volunteers willing to help with the setup and cleanup, the Steering Committee has decided to discontinue having food or drinks at general meetings. This will take effect beginning in January.

We will have our traditional December Covered Dish Supper and Gift Exchange and have formed an ad hoc committee to coordinate setup, decorations, and cleanup. We will also discuss what other special occasions we might want to have food.

Members can bring a beverage with them to meetings. We ask that if you bring anything with you to a meeting, that you take it out with you when you leave. We cannot leave any food or beverage containers inside even in trashcans.

Michele Hackmeyer, President

## **Workshops**

### **Workshop News Update**

The Jane Miller Workshop was attended by 22 ladies between both workshops, some of us did both days! We had a very enjoyable weekend and all of us successfully learned to "Braid Quilts!"

I challenge these ladies to bring their tops or finished quilts to the November meeting!

Thank you for letting me serve as your workshop chair for 2013, it was a pleasure, as always.

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!**

## **2014 SQUARE EXCHANGE INFORMATION**

There will be a sign-up table available before the Nov. meeting for those who still haven't signed up for the 8-1/2" Square exchange which will begin in January, and run for the entire year. Please stop by the table if you are interested in participating in the exchange. We will have printed instructions available to those who have already signed up, as well as the lists of the fabrics that you will need to purchase and bring in each month, in case you didn't pick yours up last month. We plan to have your group number assigned and given out at the December meeting, so don't procrastinate if this sounds like fun to you!

If you have signed up to help with the square distribution during the meetings you will be contacted before the December meeting, and your help is certainly appreciated! We hope this will be something fun for all who participate, so don't miss out!

Cheryl Willis, and Elizabeth Hawker

## **RD to FL Challenge Morphs into 2014 RD to FL Raffle Block of the Month**

The 12 winning ROAD to FLORIDA blocks will be 2014 Blocks of the Month (BOM). Would you like to be a "pattern tester" and make one of the blocks before we post the 2014 instructions on the QU website? You could keep your block and enter it in the BOM contest in 2014. ALL patterns submitted by challenge participants, not just the winners, will be posted on QU's website in December.

Members asked at the last meeting about the article that Esther Weiner arranged with THE QUILTING QUARTERLY, publication of National Quilting Association (NQA). We have learned that the article about our guild AND an article about Marsha Walper's winning *Road to Florida - Sunshine and Citrus* will probably appear in the spring magazine. You can learn about NQA at: [www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org) The photos submitted to the publication can be seen at this link:

<http://morninglightphotography.smugmug.com/Quilts/THE-QUILTING-QUARTERLY/>

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If you would like to be an advance tester of RD to FL blocks, please contact Martha Tilden, see directory.

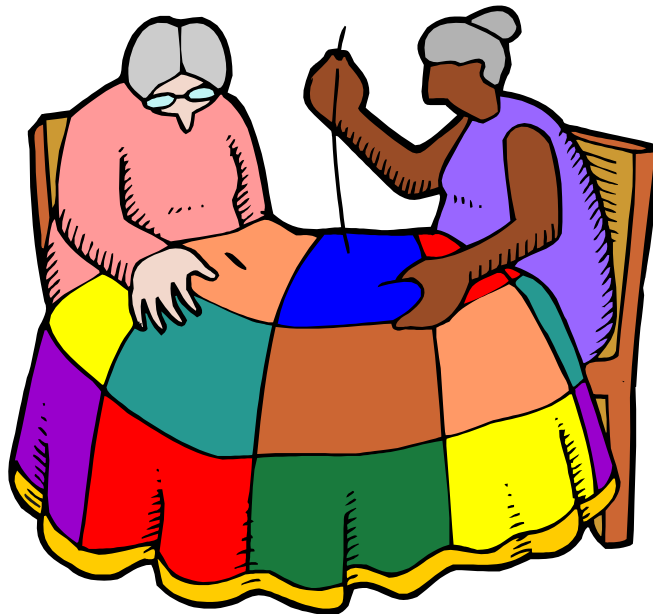
# *Upcoming Programs*

## **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 show: 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. Your potholder can be any size or shape that you want, with or without a hanging loop.

## **December- Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange**



## New Sit-n-Stitch Group

### Quilts-n-Books

Join Quilts-n-Books, QU's newest Sit-n-Stitch group, and get to know a new quilting friend, who shares your other favorite past time. Reading!

**When:** 4th Friday of the month at 10 a.m.

**Where:** Panera Bread - Thomasville Road location.

(Enjoy a complimentary small coffee or tea w/purchase for QU members.)

Come join the book discussion by reading the quilt-themed selections prior to meeting dates. Remember to bring along your handwork.

**November 22nd** - *A Quilter's Holiday*, by Jennifer Chiaverini

December (no meeting)

**January 24th** - *The Christmas Quilt & The New Year's Quilt* (2 books in 1), by Jennifer Chiaverini

These seasonal and holiday books have been selected from the Elm Creek Quilts series by best selling author Jennifer Chiaverini. These books are a fun read, filled with the ups and downs, struggles, and triumphs of the characters making up the Elm Creek's "Quilt Camp." Chiaverini weaves together her love and knowledge of quilting into her novels about the importance of family and friendship, "using quilting as a metaphor for how women piece together the parts of their lives, both together and individually, into a beautiful whole."

Chiaverini has written over 20 novels, 4 quilt collections, with designs inspired by her novels, and has designed a fabric line. Visit <http://www.elmcreek.net/> to learn more about her and this series.

See Joy Vo (in the member directory) for information or questions.

## 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.

★ Let me know if you have questions.

★ Laura R. Keller,

# 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>"Quilts 'n Books"</b> 4th Friday, exp. Dec. 10:00 am T-ville Rd Panera Bread Joy Vo or Marsha Walper	<b>Second Saturday</b> 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane
<b>Southwood Stitchers</b> 10:00—3:00 pm Southwood Community Center Bring own lunch bag, drink and desserts provided. Nancy O'Rourke			<b>Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety *</b> 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7:00 -9:00 pm Esther Weiner		<b>Havana Sit 'n Stitch</b> 4th Sat. 1:00 pm Martha Mitchell
			<b>Applique' Addicts</b> NE Branch Library, Thomasville Rd 3rd Thurs. 6:00-8:00 pm Mary C. Scott		
* 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*

11/02 Museum Quilt Show Closes

11/09 Quilt Pick-up, 10 AM

11/14 QU November Meeting

12/12 QU December Meeting

1/9 QU January Meeting

1/23 QU Steering Committee Meeting

## **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.

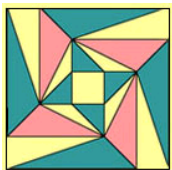
The group is open to both (1) machine and/or frame owners; and (2) those who are interested in acquiring the machine/frames.

The date, time, and location for the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday October 30th, from 7:00 - 8:30pm**, at Penny Blaszczyk'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**

**The deadline for newsletter  
submissions is**

**the 25th of the month.**

**Please submit materials  
via email at  
qutlhnews@gmail.com**