

Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee

Around the Block

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City Hall Show: Vacant til 2015

President's Message

Greetings to all QU Members!

I am pleased and proud to have been elected as your President for the coming year and am looking forward to all the fun things we'll be doing.

I would like to take a moment to thank Dorothy Barr for all she did during the past year as your President. This was Dorothy's second term, so she has really contributed above and beyond the norm. I'm sure she is ready to sit back and relax now and she's earned it! Thanks Dorothy!

In the coming year I encourage all of you to come forward with your ideas for activities in the guild, but I also want everyone to be prepared to take ownership of your idea and volunteer to put it into action. This is a really large group of incredibly talented people with a wide range of interests, so I'm sure we can pull teams together as needed to accomplish a great many things.

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Michele Hackmeyer

Merry Christmas



Life is a journey, not a destination.

Dates to Remember

12/12 QU December Meeting (Holiday Dinner; starts at 6pm)

1/9 QU January Meeting (7 pm)

1/23 QU Steering Committee Meeting (7 pm)

2/13 QU February Meeting (7 pm)

Upcoming Programs

December- Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange

This special evening begins at 6 pm. Please make a note of this earlier than usual time, as this adjustment allows us extra time for our evenings program and entertainment.

We hope you are planning to attend!

Come 'Decked Out' in your most festive holiday attire! Prizes will be awarded!

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share, along with an appropriate serving utensil.

For all who would like to participate, we will continue our tradition of a fat quarter exchange. Please bring a current, all cotton fabric, fat quarter - gift wrapped.

We will also be playing BINGO!

Please contribute a small, quilting related item(s), new or like new to be used as prizes - gift wrapped.

Christmas Show & Tell

We are all especially mindful of the needs of others during this celebratory season.

Canned good and pantry items will be collected at the registration table.

Kitchen hostesses are still needed for set up or clean up.

If you can volunteer before or after, please contact Joy Vo or Michele Hackmeyer.

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

JOIN THE QU Museum Show “Starry, Starry Night” 2014 Team!

Consider joining my team to make the 2014 Museum Show the best yet. In the past the Chair and Co-Chair did most of the work but I felt that if we take on this event as a team – then more volunteers could join in on the fun and your creative talents could shine. No previous experience necessary - great way to get involved and meet new friends! Team members need to consider taking on one of the following areas:

- Coordinate volunteers – develop sign-up sheets, solicit QU volunteers to “person” the table during the show and call or send email reminders.
- Organize show reception – coordinate with museum staff and remind QU members to bring tasty treats.
- Create Ribbons for Best of Show – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for each category and one for Best of Show.
- Tally Best of Show – Count the votes submitted by the public during the show for each category and best of show.
- Co-Chair with the dream of being Chair in 2015!

Consider conducting short meetings before each monthly QU meeting at a local eatery. Don't let this opportunity to join the team pass you by as we will start coordinating with the state museum staff in early 2014. Call/email: Dawn Griffin [\(850\) 509-6103](tel:8505096103) / Griffindd@aol.com – 2014 Museum Chair

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

Look for Block of the Month Patterns for 2014 on the QU website beginning in December under Activities & Projects. Remember that each month will be one of the winning Road to Florida Challenge blocks designed by your fellow QU members. We may not have them ALL on the website at first. We also plan to have an online calendar on the site so that you can refer to a photo of the quilt that contains the block for that month. Feel free to print out your own QU calendar. We will have copies of instructions at meetings for those who don't have access to a computer and/or printer. Please show our designers how much you appreciate their hard work by making a block each month. If you make two each month you will have your own Road to Florida sampler quilt and perhaps you will win blocks as well.

Wendy Stone & Martha Tilden

2014 B.O.M.



Distinguished Quilter Award 2013

Congratulations to **Jeanne Brenner** and **Maureen O'Doogan**, who were recognized as Distinguished Quilters for 2013.

This award is given to one who exemplifies the Quilters Unlimited purpose of promoting knowledge of and interest in quilting and the art of quilting. This person must be an active participating member of the Guild.

2013 Distinguished Quilter Award, by Kathleen Turner

The Quilters Guild is overdue in honoring two members who Quilt, yes,
But also do the necessary groundwork too.

*They work together
They work alone
And end up together:*

Committees and programs,
Phone calls and changed plans,
Twisting arms, filling in,
Checking once and then again,
Dreaming big, switching gears,
Planning speakers through the years.
For one, Museum Show was just a start.
Next, to LeMoyne she'll give her heart.

Each gave a program of her own;
In one, her many quilts were shown.
And one told sources that inspire --
Passion, color, and desire.

Tulips dance -- Who knew? Who knew?
On their shared quilt the steps were true.
One made the piece;
One saw it through.
Brilliant blossoms curve and whirl,
While quilting stitches swing and swirl.

It won a prize,
The Best of Show.
Even now those tulips glow
In our minds.
You told us so --
Maureen and Jeanne --
We follow you.
If flowers dance,
Then we must too.

Silent Auction Update

The 2013 Silent Auction was a great success. The members who donated did a great job. The 2014 Quilt Show will be here soon, so I'm asking all of you to start your silent auction projects NOW. Let's have another record breaking year.

Penny Blaszyk, 2014 Silent Auction Chairman

Help! Help! Help!

According to Sally Koch, great opportunities to help others seldom come but small ones surround us every day. I received a call from Maggie Winkler, a former long-time QU member. Her sister lives in Washington, Illinois the town that a tornado destroyed early in November. Some 500 homes were destroyed along with the families' possessions.

Maggie is asking that everyone who can to please donate a quilt, bed covering, blankets, etc. of any size to these victims. She is willing to ship our donations or even drive them where they are needed. Let's not allow winter, which is just setting in, to get the upper hand. Bring your donations to the December guild meeting and share your love and warmth with those who really need it.

How big is your heart? How many quilts can we pass on to those without?

Maggie Winkler's # 893-4554.

Roberta Granville's # 523-4248



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 1:00-3:00 pm Virginia Lewis	Sew for Hope 2nd Tuesday 1:00 - 4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1:00 - 4:00 pm Barbara Sheats	Sew Arty 3rd Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm Kathleen Turner	Thimble Buddies* 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone	Sew for Hope 1st Saturday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm	McQuilters Ronald McDonald 1:00 - 3:00 pm Carol Harrison	Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wed. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Steans	Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7:00 -9:00 pm Esther Weiner Applique' Addicts NE Branch Library, Thomasville Rd 3rd Thurs. 6:00-8:00 pm Mary C. Scott	"Quilts 'n Books" 4th Friday, exp. Dec. 10:00 am T-ville Rd Panera Bread Joy Vo or Marsha Walper	Second Saturday 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Sat. 1:00 pm Martha Mitchell
Southwood Stitchers 10:00—3:00 pm Southwood Community Center Bring own lunch bag, drink and desserts provided. Nancy O'Rourke					

* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity

Sew Arty (Art Quilts) 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

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.

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

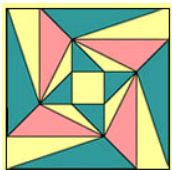
This group is geared towards:

- "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 _____

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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the 25th of the month.

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