

2013-2014 Officers

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Silent Auction: Nancy O'Rourke

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President's Message

Thank you for allowing me to become your 2015 President. I have many ideas to bring to the Guild. I'll be sharing these in another article.

We have some changes to adjust to:

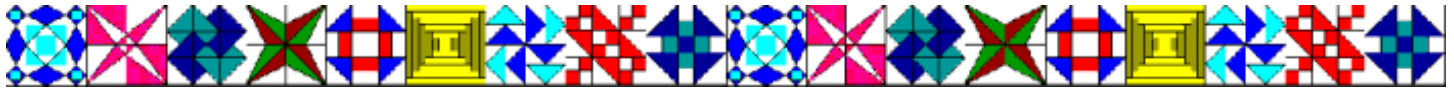
-- Our new General Meeting location at the Thomasville Road Baptist Church Fellowship Hall brings new opportunities to us. Our contact with their staff has been wonderful, but the Church is a busy venue and has previous commitments to other groups for use of their facilities. Thus it may take much more long-range planning on some events such as Steering Committee meetings and Workshops, and we may have to find different venues for those.

-- As usual, we have the normal change of Officers and Steering Committee Chairs, and most of them will need a bit of time to learn their new roles. In particular, we have a new Treasurer for the first time in five years. Please allow even more time for her to get used to our bookkeeping, banking, and the other functions of that position (it is a very complicated job).

-- There are a few scheduling matters that we may have to iron out, since this is the first full year of the shifted Guild Year (now runs from January to December).

So are you ready for 2015? We have an exciting year of Programs and Workshops awaiting us, plus many other activities. We are lucky to have such creative volunteers in our Steering Committee and their helpers. I encourage you to volunteer to help them, and do feel free to turn in suggestions/ideas to them or to me (it would be greatly appreciated if you could submit these in writing, via a note or e-mail).

~ 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	Sew for Hope	Crazy Quilters	Sew Arty	Thimble Buddies *	Sew for Hope
1:00pm - 3:00pm Virginia Lewis	2nd Tuesday 1:00pm - 4:30pm Cynthia Seyler	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 Saturday 9:30am - 1:00pm Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees	McQuilters	Pin Pals *	Patchwork & Prayer	Frayed Edges *	2nd Saturday
Senior Center 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Ronald McDonald House 1:00pm - 3:00pm Carol Harrison	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 - ? Panera on Thomasville Rd.	4th Saturday 1:00pm - ? Martha Mitchell
			Appliqué Addicts		
			3rd Thursday NE Library, Thomasville Rd 5:30 - 7:45 pm Mary C. Scott		



LIBRARY NEWS

Due to the change of meeting location, the guild's wonderful collection of books (acquired over the years) has been moved. The library is now housed in my home. How lucky am I ??? A treasure trove of information is available to you by request.

If you go to our website, select *About QU*, then select *Guild Library*, lists of the books available by author or title are available. These are from 2010 and will be updated soon. Under *About Us* is the *Contact Us* option giving the link to the librarian.

Over 350 quilt books ranging in subject matter from beginning quilting, traditional, contemporary, art, foundation piecing, scrap, baby quilts, and more are ready to help us hone our skills.

If you would like some help selecting a book, just drop me a line or give me a call.

I will be happy to bring whatever books you are interested in borrowing to the next guild meeting. Or, if you need it now and want to take a field trip to Monticello, you are welcome to come and search for the perfect volume.

A random selection of books will be available for check out at each meeting. This resource has been a hidden treasure that I hope will continue to exist for all current and future members to enjoy.

~ Jeanne Brenner
QU Librarian



Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

January 24th

Please submit materials to
Selena Foo via email at

qutlhnews@gmail.com

Upcoming Programs ...

January 8th – Windows on the World

We will feature cathedral windows but hope you will bring attic windows and other window quilts so we have a large variety. NOTE: In addition to bringing your quilts, bring scissors, needle, and a neutral thread so you can participate in a hands-on project.

February 12th – Trash to Treasure/ White Elephant Sale

Sign up for a table (\$5.00). Unburden yourself of those quilt and fabric items you don't want but others will scoop up and enjoy.

March 12th – Mi Casa, Su Casa – House blocks plus pattern handout.

Bring quilts with any type of houses – tents, churches, schools, barns, cottages, beehives, bird, or wonky houses. The more the merrier. How many types will we see?

Quilters Unlimited's Facebook Page



Non-Facebook members should be able to view posts on the Quilter's Unlimited Facebook page because it is an "open to public" viewable page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Quilters-Unlimited-of-Tallahassee/109293555755186>

For those Guild members who are "on" Facebook, we encourage you to take a look at our page, and maybe even "Like" it.

Congratulations to Linda Dozier

2014 Distinguished Quilter

This Distinguished Quilter is known for her outstanding quilting which results from careful planning, excellent color sense, and meticulous attention to detail.

Linda Dozier is an active member of McQuilters, the Ronald McDonald Sit-n-Stitch. Every Tuesday afternoon she works with other McQuilters, creating personalized quilts for customers with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Ronald McDonald House

In many ways Linda has been an integral part of the Annual Capital City Quilt Show held at the Museum of Florida History. Over the years she made ribbons for the show, was Chairperson of the Opportunity Quilt and Chairperson of Ticket Sales for the Opportunity Quilt, and worked on almost every Opportunity Quilt since she has been in the guild. In 2007 she was the overall Chairperson of the Annual Capital City Quilt Show, *Our Lives in Fabric*. In Quilters Unlimited she has also been the Chairperson for Helping Hands.

Linda's winning 2009 Challenge quilt "Dupioni Zinnias" was one of the featured quilts for the LeMoyné Quilt Show in August 2014. Her quilt appeared on the LeMoyné Quilt Show sign in front of the building, as well as on the post card announcing the show.

Silent Auction

As we all know time passes very quickly the older one gets. So, I wanted to get an early start on promoting making items for the 2015 Silent Auction to be held during the museum quilt show. Let's work together to make this a banner year for the auction. I challenge each of you to make one item. It doesn't have to be a quilt or wall hanging. Although those are great sellers and are needed, but table runners, tote bags, placemats, aprons, purses and other smaller items are good sale items, too. Your donation helps fund our guild, so start your sewing machines and help make this a great silent auction year.

~ Nancy O'Rourke
Silent Auction Chair

DOOR PRIZES

There will be a box at the DOOR PRIZE table at the January & February meetings if you would like to donate a **NEW** quilt item for this year's door prizes. We appreciate your donations, and remember, we are only looking for **NEW** items.

Please wear your name badge to participate in the monthly door prize drawings. Wearing your name badge helps members call you by name as we greet and get to know each other better.

Thanks so much,

~ Miriam Baldwin
and Kris Klob
Door Prize Chairpersons



Workshop News

Those who attended the Lynne Hagmeier workshops had a great time. Lynne was enlightening, entertaining, and so very helpful. Her husband, Robert, was also helpful and as equally humorous at the workshops as he was during Lynne's presentation at our Guild meeting.

Onwards toward 2015! Suzanne from Suzanne's in Moultrie has scheduling conflicts and will not be able to be with us for a workshop this spring. So, in 2015 we will only be hosting Becky Goldsmith in September. She will be our guest speaker at the September Guild meeting. The Friday and Saturday workshops will feature two different types of appliqué. If you are not familiar with her work, check out the website: Pieceocake.com

At the January Guild meeting, I'll more information with workshop price. See you there!

~ *Barbara Wiggins*
Workshop Chair



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

It's time to tell you all about this year's exciting Block of the Month!!! First of all, it's not a block, it's a row. Row quilts have become really popular. Last summer even had quilt shops designing new patterns and selling kits. What fun! Here's a new way for everyone to show their creative and individual style. The rows can be anywhere between 3" to 12" tall and needs to be 42" long. You can put them together anyway you want - pieced, paper pieced, or appliqué (hand or fusible). The row can be made of blocks or all one piece. It can be a repeated design or totally different from one side to the other, your choice. Some ideas will be given and some color suggestions - but the rest will be up to you. OK, so here goes...

For January's Row - Think white, gray, and black. Can you add colors? Of course, this is your creation! Now for ideas - Think Snowballs, Snowflakes and Snowmen. Think - Musical Notes, Piano Keys and Tuxedos. Think Penguins, Polar Bears and Kitty Cats. Think Checkerboards and Jigsaw Puzzles. Any ideas coming to you yet? I will not be giving you any specific patterns, but feel free to ask if you have an idea or are stuck on where to find one. I will be glad to help.

Someone will win all these fabulous rows, but a special prize will be given to the most creative one - Will it be you?

~ *Gail Chase*
Block of the Month Coordinator

Quilter's Unlimited January Poll

This poll will be available as a hand out at the Guild Meeting, but you may want to make a photocopy of it and turn it in when you arrive.

1) Would you be interested in attending a Saturday Guild "Quilting Party", if:

Yes No It was an open-sew day, doing whatever you wanted to work on

Yes No It had a theme such as a quilt UFO-finish day

Yes No It were for the purpose of finishing a Mystery Quilt.

Yes No It was philanthropic oriented? If yes, check which theme you would be more interested in.

_____ where blocks/quilts are donated to Quilts Of Valor

_____ where we pre-cut squares and half-square triangles for the prison quilt project)

_____ where blocks/quilts are donated to Sew-For-Hope

_____ Your suggestion

2) What is the maximum fee you feel able to pay to help offset the cost of location rental.

\$ _____

(The Guild might be covering a portion of the expense. This question relates to any overage that might need to be covered. Overage would depend on the number attending and the location we are able to rent).

3) What month would work best for you for such a Quilting Party? _____

4) Which Saturday of the month would work best for you for such a Quilting Party?



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December 11th QUILTING Meeting

Don't Forget Your:

- Windows Quilts
- Door Prize Donations
- Library Books
- Block of the Month Blocks
- Handmade Name Badge
- Show 'n Tell

Dates to Remember

- January 8 Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @
Thomasville Road Baptist Church
- January 22 Steering Committee Meeting
- January 24 Newsletter Deadline
- February 12 Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @
Thomasville Road Baptist Church
- February 28 Newsletter Deadline
- March 12 Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @
Thomasville Road Baptist Church

Meetings are held at
 Thomasville Road Baptist Church,
 3131 Thomasville Road
 The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m.
 The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

New Meeting Location

