



## Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee

# Around The Block

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*Next Meeting: September 14th* Social Hall at Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive,  
Tallahassee Florida The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

### ***2017 Officers:***

**President:** Peggy Allen  
**President-Elect:** Kerry Cohen  
**Membership:** Laura Keller  
**Secretary:** Kerri Cohen  
**Treasurer:** Heather Strickland

### ***2017 Chairpersons***

**Awards:** Marsha Walper  
**Audiovisual:** Betty Rinkel  
**Block Of Month:** Wendy Stone  
**Challenge:** Linda Stright  
**Door Prizes:** Roberta Granville  
**Helping Hands:** Stephanie Guttman  
**Internet:** Web Coord: Sue Isaac;  
Email: Karen Skinner;  
Facebook: JessicaDuke  
**Library:** Jeanne Brenner  
**Capital City Quilt Show:** Betty Rinkel, Barbara Wiggins  
**Newsletter:** Karen Skinner  
**Opportunity 2017:** Karen Kunz  
**Opportunity 2018:** Marsha Walper  
**Philanthropic:** Judy Rainbrook,  
Stephanie Rubanowice  
**Programs:** Barbara Wiggins  
**Publicity:** Kerry Cohen  
**Quilters Treasure:** Linda Brooks  
**Show & Tell:** Roberta Granville  
**Silent Auction:** Cheryl Willis  
**Sit&Stitch:** Marsha Walper  
**Special Events:** As needed  
**Sunshine:** Sue Skornia  
**Trip Coord:** Peggy Clark  
**Welcoming:** Sue Skornia  
**Workshops:** Jeanne Brenner

### ***President's Message***

I want to thank everyone who worked at the desk for The Capital City Quilt Show. I also hope everyone got the chance to see the beautiful exhibits at the show and thank everyone who contributed her time and talent. Having someone from the Guild working the desk during open hours is so very important. I have been told that we are selling a considerable amount of tickets for this year's amazing Opportunity Quilt. Also, please join me in thanking Margaret Boeth and her group of volunteers for organizing the reception for the Opening Night quilt show reception.

I am so looking forward to Kay Smith's Seminole Patchwork presentation at the Guild meeting on Thursday, September 14. I am looking forward to attending her Seminole Patchwork Workshop on Friday. I usually do not do workshops, as I am very slow at learning new techniques and always seem to be the last one to finish; however, I have always wanted to do Seminole Patchwork. You will find me at one of the back tables looking frazzled.

I want to acknowledge all the quilters who regularly attend Bits and Pieces at Temple Israel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Quilt Meeting Thursday, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. I have attended several, and I am impressed by how much work is done and how many quilts are finished during those three hours. If I tried to name you all, I'm sure I would miss people, but please know that your efforts and skills are greatly appreciated.

I will try to get around before and after the meetings to thank you individually for your dedicated work.

Your President.....Peggy Allen

## *Steering Committee Meetings for 2017*

**September 12, 2017**

November 21, 2017

### *By-Laws Updated*

A minor change to the Guild Bylaws was approved at the August meeting. Because not all Guild Members have access to the Internet and the Guild's website, a copy of the updated By-Laws has been appended to this edition of the Newsletter.

### *Nominating Committee*

The Committee will introduce for consideration the proposed slate of Officers at the September meeting, and nominations from the floor may be made at this time. Final voting for the Officers (only) will occur at the October meeting. No voting on Committee Chairpersons is required.

The Volunteers to date for the 2018 Officer positions are:

- President - Kerry Cohen
- President-Elect - Carol Eskola
- Membership Vice President - Karen Skinner
- Treasurer - Janice France
- Secretary - Diana Kaiser

The following are the **remaining** positions for 2018 that the Guild needs filling. These are "Standing Committee" chairpersons (only function if the President-Elect determines that, in the President-Elect's year as President, it would be appropriate for a particular committee to function). The descriptions are from the Bylaws, and the Policies & Procedures. Also, detailed information about many of the positions is spelled out in "Notebooks" (basically a set of Operating Guidelines), which are available on the Guild website at the following URL (some of the Notebooks are still being updated or created). >

<http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/officers-chairpersons-notebooks/>

- The **Audio-Visual Committee** shall be responsible for preparing media equipment necessary at each guild meeting.
- The **Newsletter Committee** shall oversee the publication of the monthly newsletter, comprised of articles, calendar dates, notices, etc., as submitted by the membership. The chairperson/editor shall work with the Web Coordinator to publish the newsletter on the website, and with the Membership Chairperson for any Newsletter mailings.
- The **Publicity Committee** shall promote and advertise guild activities and events, using any suitable media (print, electronic, social). It will coordinate with other affiliated organizations, the Newsletter Committee and the Website committee.
- The **Quilter's Treasure Committee** raises funds for the guild general fund with four Quilter's Treasures for the year; selling tickets and using a percentage of funds to seed subsequent year "treasures" purchases. The Show and Tell Committee shall assist in displaying quilts during monthly meetings Show and Tell segments, programs, and trunk shows at guild meetings.

### *Upcoming Programs* -- by Barbara Wiggins

September we will be hosting Kay Smith from Gainesville and hear about Seminole patchwork.  
In October, Marsha Walper will tell us about perspective and dimension.  
November brings us a real treat with a trunk show and talk by Mary Catherine Scott.  
December is the time when we celebrate us. Details to follow.

### *August Door Prizes* – by Roberta Granville

Members who received door prizes at the August meeting were Lillian Anthamatten, Linda Brooks, Velma Carter, Leslie Cohen, Dawn Griffin, Laura Keller, Virginia Lewis, Lisa McCall, Lucy Patrick, and Tammi Taylor. Grand prize went to Terri Crawford.  
Please remember to put your name in the pot early so as not to miss the opportunity for your name to be drawn. Many thanks to all of you who continue to donate items for prizes.

### *Capital City Quilt Show*

Museum of Florida History, 500 S Bronough St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dates for the 35th Annual Capital City Quilt Show

- Closing date September 24
- Quilt pick up at museum September 30 (10:00 to noon)

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**Members**, we still have a few times needing people at the museum. Sept. 20, 9:00 – 11:30; Sept. 21, 9:00 – 11:30; Sept 22, 2:00 – 4:30; Sept. 23, all three time periods (this is the Jacksonville bus trip day). These dates are the last Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sat. before the show ends. I will have the book at the meeting. A BIG Thank You to all who have worked at the museum already. ....Betty Rinkel

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#### **Daily 'Quilt Quest' – Quilting Scavenger Hunt**

'Quilt Quest' will be a daily activity at the quilt show. Museum guests can tour the show as they try to find the answers and clues to questions about techniques and patterns related to the theme *Sentimental Journey*. Can you find all the answers?

#### **Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – Quilt Show Spotlight Tours Spotlight Tours**

Twice a day on Wednesdays, the Museum of Florida History will provide free Spotlight Tours of this year's Quilt Show and the history of quilting in Florida.

***Bus Trip to Jacksonville QuiltFest*** -- By Peggy Clark

**Saturday, September 23rd**

Hurry! Hurry! Only fifteen spots left on the bus. If you want to go please get to Peggy Clark now at 322-8647 to get on the list. Payment can be made at the September meeting or in the mail. Do not miss out on this fun trip!



***Quilter's Treasure*** - by Linda Brooks

Continue to support the Guild by purchasing tickets for the Quilter's Treasure. The next drawing will be during the September meeting. I will be collecting any contributions for future treasure baskets at the Guild Meeting. Thank you for your support and excitement.

The Quilter's Treasure will be on display during the social time (6:30-7:00) during each guild meeting. Come visit to see all the great treasures that could be yours. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for ten. What a bargain for such a wonderful basket of treasures. There will be a new basket of treasures each quarter. For the rest of this year drawings will be held during the guild meetings in the months of September and December. You do not need to be present to win, you just need to buy your tickets.

Tip: Use address labels to get your name on your tickets quickly. Please come by to see me and buy your tickets.

***2017 Block of the Month*** -- by Wendy Stone and Dawn Griffin

We are still seeing dots and spots! The 114 Bricks and Cobblestone blocks collected last month look great in the quilt top which finished out at 66 x 90. You will get to see this one at the October meeting. It is a great way to use 2 ½ inch scraps and is a quick and easy quilt to put together.

**September – Garnet & Gold - FSU**

Don't forget to bring your garnet-gold-FSU themed blocks to the October meeting. We would also appreciate some of your scraps used in the September blocks as we are aiming for an extra-long quilt top for a teenage boy.



### October – Cat in a Frame

The October block is for all you cat lovers! It is bright, easy and we bet that you cannot make just one. No buttons or eyes on this cat. As you view the block, imagine that you are looking at the back of the cat as he looks out the window. You only need three fabrics. The background must be solid black. The cat can be any fabric that you choose but use only one fabric for the cat. The border should be a solid or tonal that contrasts with your cat print. See the website for instructions/fabric specifications or stop by our table at the meeting.



Check the website for patterns/color instructions. If you do have internet access and need paper printed instructions, please contact Dawn or Wendy.

<http://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/block-of-the-month/>

*Library* -- by Jeanne Brenner, QU Librarian

**The QU library will be open in September.**



New additions:

- Under the Sea by Billie Lauder
- At the Cutting Edge- Contemporary Hawaiian Quilts by Linda Arthur
- Fuse-and-Tell Journal Quilts I by Laura Wasilowski
- Fanciful Stitches Colorful Quilts by Laura Wasilowski

Plus lots of other options to check out and take home.

***Nominate a Guild Member for Volunteer of the Year Award!***

It is time to recognize that outstanding quilter, who can always be counted on to help with the routine jobs in the guild as well as filling in when unexpected needs arise.

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The Volunteer of the Year Award gives us a chance to say "Thank You" to a member for generously contributing time and expertise to Quilters Unlimited.

The brief nomination form needs a nominator and a co-nominator, so find a friend and complete one soon! **Nomination Forms Due by October 1**

For a description of the award and a link to the nomination form, go to the guild web site and click on "Activities and Projects" at top of page, then click on "Awards" in drop-down menu.

<http://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>

The nomination form can be completed online or printed out and mailed to the committee chairperson. Nominators using online forms will receive an automatic confirmation in their email. Forms mailed in will receive a phone call or an email confirmation.

Contact Marsha Walper with questions about submitting nominations.

*Classes by Guild Teachers* – [Please contact Jeanne Brenner to register.](#)

**Saturday, October 14th**

**Welsh/Celtic hand quilting**

Chaires Community Center 10 am to 3 PM

**Linda O'Sullivan** will help you learn the basics of Welsh/Celtic hand quilting...how to stitch, mark fabric, and use templates while using a quilt hoop.

Class Fee: \$30

*Workshops* -- [Please contact Jeanne Brenner to register.](#)

**Kay Smith - Seminole Style Patchwork**

**Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th;** six-hour workshops, 10 am to 4 PM

**Woodville Community Center**

Cost: \$35

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to learn new techniques, hone your strip-piecing skills and be with fellow guild members at one of the Seminole Style Patchwork classes offered on September 15 and 16 by Kay Smith from Ocala, Florida.

Come learn about her experiences and see examples of her exquisite work at the guild meeting on Thursday, September 14.

To maximize the opportunity for member participation, the same workshop is being taught on both Friday and Saturday. Four or five 5 different beginning patterns will be taught. **There are still a few openings in the Seminole Style Patchwork workshops.**

Class fee is \$35.

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### *Future Workshops* - by Ruth Cuzzort

Help! Do you have a suggestion for a workshop? Have you seen a quilt and thought, "I'd like to do that"? Is there a technique you'd like to try? A nationally known quilter that inspires you? Please think about what classes/instructors you would enjoy in the future and share your suggestions with me at [ruthcuz@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthcuz@yahoo.com).

### *Donations to Grace Mission*

From the bottom of my heart - thank you for your amazing and generous donations at the August QU meeting of Back to School Supplies for the children assisted at Grace Mission (a local organization that serves the poor and underemployed). *I knew quilters had enormous hearts but your generosity BLEW ME AWAY!*

Grace Mission is always needing school supplies to supplement their after school tutoring programs. The following donations of school supplies are always appreciated.

Primary composition books (with space at top for pictures); enclosed pencil sharpeners handheld erasers; markers; dry erase markers, colored pencils; headphones/ear plugs for computer lab, notebook dividers; pencil boxes and pouches; boys and girls backpacks

If you would like to make a donation, please bring items to a QU meetings or email [griffindd@aol.com](mailto:griffindd@aol.com) for pickup.

Thank you! Dawn Griffin, Grace Mission volunteer.

### *2017 Opportunity Quilt* - by Karen Kunz

The 2017 Opportunity Quilt is an oversized queen quilt, measuring 84" x 104". You have the opportunity to place this lovely quilt on your bed by getting a ticket at the suggested donation amount of \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.



### *What is a Modern Quilt? Are You a Modern Quilter?*

According to the Modern Quilt Guild, which was formed in Los Angeles in 2008, "Modern quilts are primarily functional and inspired by modern design. Modern quilters work in different styles and define modern quilting in different ways, but several characteristics often appear which may help identify a modern quilt. These include, but are not limited to: the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. 'Modern traditionalism' or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting."

<https://www.themodernquiltguild.com>

Are you interested in being in a "Modern Quilters" Sit-n-Stitch?

Besides deciding on the main activity of the meetings, those helping start the group will be able to decide on the day and time to meet, how often to meet, and where to meet.

Please contact Marsha Walper if you are interested in being part of the new Modern Quilters.

### *Angel Blocks For Healthy Start Coalition*

If you picked up a pattern last month to make an appliqued Angel Block for the Healthy Start Coalition, and you have finished your block, you may bring it to the September meeting and turn it in to Marsha Walper, who has graciously accepted the task of collecting them for me, since I am out of town.

If you have not had a chance to complete the block, please bring it to me at the October or November meeting, if possible, or it may be mailed to me at any time. For those that did not attend the August meeting, and would like to participate, I will be back for the October meeting, and will have more patterns with me to pass out. If you do not know what this is about, and enjoy either hand, or machine applique, and might like to try to make a block, please call me and I will be happy to talk to you about how you may help.

Thank you so much to everyone that has helped me with this project in the past, and for your participation currently. Your contributions are very much appreciated, as I know each of you has your own projects, and causes to support for the community. Thanks again, Cheryl Willis

### *Sunshine Committee*

If you know a quilter in the guild who is ill, is having surgery, or has a loss in her immediate family, or if you have any of these situations, please contact me. My contact information is in the directory.

Sue Skornia, Sunshine Chairman

*Quilt Poetry:* "Ode to My Wife the Quilter" (Author Unknown)

She learned to quilt on Monday,  
Her stitches were very fine.  
She forgot to thaw out dinner,  
So we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on Tuesday.  
She says they are a must.  
They really were quite lovely,  
But she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday it was a sampler,  
She says the stippling's fun.  
What highlights! What shadows!  
But the laundry wasn't done.

Her patches were on Thursday,  
Green, yellow, blue and red.  
I guess she really was engrossed,  
She never made the bed.

It was wall hangings on Friday,  
In colors she adores.  
It never bothered her at all,  
The crumbs on all the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday,  
My week is now complete.  
My wife can quilt the hours away  
The house will still be neat.

Well, it's already Sunday,  
I think I'm about to wilt.  
I cursed, I raved, I ranted,  
The maid has learned to *quilt!*

*Notes about the town*

The "Sewing Machine Mechanic -- Machine Service and Repair" (Jan Burroughs) has moved to a new location. 1168 Capital Circle S.E., which is in the vicinity of Sam's Warehouse Club.



### *Sit-n-Stitch Groups*

“Sit-n-Stitch” groups meet weekly, biweekly or once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual projects. Other groups meet at a specified location and work on service projects. There are several types of groups in the guild. **If you are interested in joining a group or starting a new group, contact Marsha Walper.**

<b>Monday</b>	Big Bend Hospice	1-3 pm	Virginia Lewis
	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
<b>Tuesday</b>	McQuilters @ Ronald McDonald House	1-3 pm	Carol Harrison
<b>Wednesday</b>	Crazy Quilters @ Monticello Library	1-4 pm	Georgianna Joseph
	Piecers of the Past	2nd & 4th Weds 1-3 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
<b>Thursday</b>	Sew Arty	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Linda Stright
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Lascella Ingram
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Friday</b>	Quilts 'n Books	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri. 10 am-12 pm	Joy Vo Kris Klob
<b>Saturday</b>	Sew for HOPE	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell
	Midtown Sit 'n Stitch (may meet on Sundays)	Varies	Karen Skinner

The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: *Pin Pals, Sew Darn Happy, Thimble Buddies, Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.

<i>Guild Calendar</i> (subject to change)		
<b>2017</b>		
Sept. 12th	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel
Sept. 14th	Guild Meeting - Seminole Style Patchwork	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 15th & 16th	<b>Workshops</b> by Kay Smith	
Sept 24th	Closing Date: Capital City Quilt Show	Museum of Florida History
Sept. 30th	Pick-up, Quilts from Capital City Quilt Show	Museum of Florida History
<b>October 2nd</b>	<b>Newsletter article deadline</b>	
Oct. 12th	Guild Meeting; Program: Perspective and Dimension	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Oct. 14th	<b>Class:</b> Welsh hand quilting, by Linda O'Sullivan	Chaires Community Center
Nov. 9th	Guild Meeting; Program: Trunk Show by Mary Catherine Scott	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov. 21st	Steering Committee Meeting	
Dec. 7th	Guild Meeting; Program: End of year - A celebration of Us!	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
<b>2018</b>		
Jan. 11th	Guild Meeting;	
Feb. 8th	Guild Meeting;	
March 8th	Guild Meeting;	
April 12th	Guild Meeting;	
May 10th	Guild Meeting with Lecture by Suzanne Marshall	
May 11th & 12th	<b>Workshops</b> by Suzanne Marshall	Chaires Community Center
June 14th	Guild Meeting;	
July 12th	Guild Meeting;	
August 9th	Guild Meeting;	
Sept 13th	Guild Meeting;	
Oct 11th	Guild Meeting;	
Nov 8th	Guild Meeting;	
Dec 13th	Guild Meeting;	
<b>2019</b>		
Jan 10th	Guild Meeting;	
Feb 14th	Guild Meeting;	
Mar 14th	Guild Meeting;	

## *Newsletter Info*

The **deadline** for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

**October 2nd, 2017**

Please submit materials to Karen Skinner via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com)

Here are some Guidelines for articles:

- We prefer not to publish personal email addresses or phone number. We refer members to the Directory, instead.
- When submitting the information via e-mail, please place in the subject line "Month Newsletter" – "Subject of Article" (what the month your article refers to, and what is the subject of the article).
- Submit photos as an attachment, not embedded in the text (although you should have a note within the article where the photo should go -- I'll edit out the note and insert the photo). Regarding image files, please make these jpgs, and if possible, limit the file size to 500 kb or so.
- Articles must be submitted as a word-processing type document (e.g., Microsoft Word, or a TXT file, not PDF or Excel) or as text in an email.
- There is only one version of the Newsletter prepared, not one for Web-blasts and one for the Website.
- If you want the article/information in the website, it must be sent separately to Sue Isaac the Website Coordinator, at >> [webcoord@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:webcoord@quilttallahassee.com)
- Regarding Classified Ads, see the additional information in that section. Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission. If you need to list it again, send another email to the Newsletter Editor.

## *Newsletter Mail-outs*

To receive a mailed newsletter, you must provide the Newsletter Editor with a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) for every Newsletter you wish mailed to you.

The Newsletter editor requests that you provide enough envelopes to match the remainder of the Guild year (which ends in December). In January, assuming you are still a member, you would provide a new cycle of SASEs

. Please do not expect the Newsletter Editor to remind you when you are running out of submitted envelopes.

## *Are You Missing E-mail Blasts from the Guild?*

We've learned that when some of the members have not received their "Blasts", their e-mail host frequently thinks the article is SPAM. Here are two possible fixes for the members:

1. Check your SPAM filter and mark the email as "not SPAM";
2. (BEST) Enter the name of the sender into your contacts list -- for the blasts, the

sender is [webmaster@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com).

If you still are not getting notifications, e-mail the Email Coordinator (Karen Skinner), in care of the Newsletter Editor, at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). The Email Coordinator helps the Webmaster keep an eye on the Mailchimp-based Blast system. Sometimes, we may have typed something in incorrectly into the system.

And always remember to let us know if your email address has changed.



*Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee*

## *Classified Ads*

*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.  
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

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### *Classified Ads -- Instructions*

Only **Guild Members** can list items for sale or free-to-a-good-home.

Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor (Karen Skinner) at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). Briefly describe the item and asking price. If desired, attach one small picture in JPEG format -- it may or may not be included in the listing, depending on whether there are technical difficulties with "capturing and inserting". If possible, limit the file size of the jpegs to 500 kb or so. Include your name (and city if the item is bulky/large, and there may be special considerations for pick-up), but not an address.

**Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission. If you need to list it again, send another email to the Newsletter Editor.**

The **deadline** for submissions for the next issue is:

**October 2nd, 2017**

**ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.**

#### WANTED:

I am a long arm quilter, but since moving to Tallahassee my longarm doesn't fit in the house! We are adding on to the house, but it won't be completed until later this year.

What I'm looking for is someone who would like to rent out time on their longarm to an experienced longarmer -- I've been longarming since 2008. I am willing to pay for time, or exchange custom quilting, or lessons.

Please have anyone who might be interested contact me using this email.

Thank you! Barb Linares  
[sewquiltingbarb@gmail.com](mailto:sewquiltingbarb@gmail.com)



**Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee Bylaws**  
Revised August 2017

**Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee, Inc., hereafter referred to as the organization or Guild.

**Article II – Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is to:

- (a) promote knowledge of and interest in quilting and the art and history of quilting to members of the organization and to the community at large;
- (b) provide educational activities such as speakers and demonstrations, special interest workshops and lectures;
- (c) provide opportunities for members to engage in group quilting events;
- (d) host and/or participate in events and activities that promote the art of quilting; and
- (e) serve the community through charitable activities involving quilting.

Section 2. This Guild shall be a non-profit corporation. As a non-profit corporation, the activities of the Guild shall be conducted in such a manner that no part of the net income shall benefit any individual member of the Guild. Notwithstanding the above, the following activities, neither of which violates the above requirement of a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, are permitted: A member may be hired as a principle lecturer/teacher/or quilter by the Steering Committee. The Guild may sell items at quilt shows and craft shows for fund-raising to support the Guild.

Section 3. No part of the activities of the Guild shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

**Article III -- Governance**

Section 1. These Bylaws shall govern the operations of the Guild, and shall be supplemented by Policies and Procedures.

Section 2. These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing previous written or electronic notice has been given.

Section 3. Policies and Procedures can be amended by the Steering Committee in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

**Article IV – Officers**

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, President-Elect, Membership Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected to serve for one year. No officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.

Section 3. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, although an officer may chair a committee in conjunction with an office.

Section 4. If the office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall automatically become President for the remainder of the term. Any other vacancies shall be appointed by the Steering Committee.

Section 5. The resignation of the President shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, with verbal notification to the President-Elect and the Secretary. All organization records in the President's possession shall be transferred to the President-Elect or other member of the Steering Committee as

soon as possible. The resignations of other elected officers shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, with verbal notification to the President.

Section 6. Officers for the upcoming year shall be solicited by a Nominating Committee. A nominee must have been a member of the organization for at least one year and must give prior consent to the nomination.

#### **Article V – Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Steering Committee. In consultation with the other officers, the President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may appoint Ad Hoc Committees as needed.

Section 2. The President-Elect shall assist in such duties as the President may direct and shall serve in the absence of the President. The President-Elect shall chair the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. The Membership Vice-President shall serve in the absence of the President and President-Elect, keep a current list of membership, collect all membership dues, and publish the Membership and Information Directory for distribution.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the decisions and actions of the General and Steering Committee meetings of the organization.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received and pay all bills approved in the annual budget. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate, itemized record of all receipts and expenditures in the format specified by the Steering Committee. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each Steering Committee meeting.

Unless other arrangements have been made, the Treasurer shall be responsible for filing any required documents to the Internal Revenue Service, State of Florida's Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Dept. of Revenue, and the Secretary of State/Division of Corporations.

#### **Article VI – Steering Committee**

Section 1. The elected officers, the appointed chairpersons of Standing Committees, and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Steering Committee. The committee chairpersons shall serve for a term corresponding to the President, who appointed them. Chairpersons may be members of other Committees, and chair more than one Committee.

Section 2. The Steering Committee shall conduct the affairs of the organization, including approval of the budget. The Steering Committee will meet upon the call of the President.

Section 3. It shall be the responsibility of all officers and committee chairpersons to attend the meetings of the Steering Committee and the organization, to present reports to the organization, and to support the organization in its activities.

Section 4. A majority of the Steering Committee members, either present at a committee meeting or submitting their votes by electronic or written means, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. All Steering Committee members are required to submit a written annual report to the President. The report shall cover the activities of the year, recommendations for continuing and improving projects and programs, and budget recommendations for the upcoming year.

#### **Article VII –Committees**

Section 1. Committees and responsibilities are outlined in Guild Policies and Procedures.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees may be designated to assist the Officers in carrying out responsibilities and activities of the Guild. The Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees are not required to attend Steering Committee Meetings unless they have a report or are on the agenda.

### **Article VIII – Membership**

Section 1. Membership is open to all persons interested in the purpose of this organization.

Section 2. Members may participate in and support the projects and activities of the Guild, including the privilege of voting, holding office, and serving on committees. They shall be entitled to preferential placing in any guild-sponsored function; may place items on meeting agendas; be informed of all decisions by the Steering Committee; and have access to the membership roster, the minutes of business meetings, and the treasurer's reports.

Section 3. The Steering Committee shall set policies regarding the attendance of non-members at guild-sponsored lectures and workshops.

### **Article IX – Monthly Meetings**

Section 1. The time and place of the monthly meeting shall be established by the Steering Committee.

Section 2. One fourth of the yearly membership at a monthly meeting shall constitute a quorum.

### **Article X – Fiscal Administration**

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. The Treasurer and President individually shall have signature authority for the organization's bank account.

Section 3. The President, in conjunction with the Treasurer, shall review the budget recommendations of the Committee Chairpersons and propose a Budget for the following year to present to the Steering Committee no later than the end of November.

Section 4. An audit of the Guild financial records will be done every year after the close of the fiscal year. The President will appoint an Audit Committee which will present a report to the Steering Committee.

Section 5. Annual dues for the upcoming year may be established at any regular meeting by a simple majority of the membership present, based on the recommendation of the Steering Committee.

Section 6. Annual dues for the coming year shall be paid no later than the January meeting. A member whose dues are in arrears after the January meeting shall be dropped from the membership roster. The Steering Committee may, at its discretion, establish reduced fees for new members joining at times other than the beginning of the year.

Section 7. The Steering Committee may, at its discretion, establish fees for of non-members at guild-sponsored lectures and workshops.

Section 8. The title for all property, funds, and assets of the Guild, whether incorporated or not, shall at all times be vesting in the Guild for the joint use of members, and no member or group of members shall have any severable right to all or any part of such property.

### **Article XI – Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and other rules of order that the organization may adopt.