

AROUND THE BLOCK

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Next Meeting: December 14, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message

Happy Holidays! Just getting over the turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie and still not having to let my seams out!

Speaking of parties, it is time to celebrate the end of the year with all our members. Yahoo! It is a time to give thanks for the many wonderful moments this year and the great support of all officers and chairs.

We will have our party meeting on December 14 as usual at Temple Israel at the usual time. The guidelines for the food to bring is NO pork or shellfish. If you are bringing a meat and cheese platter, please have the meat on one plate and the cheese on another. Casseroles are great but will not be heated on site. Bring your favorite dish or try a new recipe out. Cookies and other desserts are welcome as well. We all like something that will be on the tables, so please do not stop anyone from coming to enjoy.

Please remember our charity project of coasters or mug rugs (or whatever you want to tag on for the name). Some cute ones were turned in last month from several who will not be able to attend in December. The coasters will be given to patients in long term care, hospice, and assisted living. If you have a place in mind that you would like a delivery to, please contact me at the party or my information is in the directory.

A big thanks to all who made and brought lap quilts for our veterans in the month of November.

Opportunity quilt tickets can be checked out at the meetings to take home to sell at your Sit and Stitch groups, other guilds, etc. You do NOT have to purchase the tickets in advance. If you are aware of a gathering at which we may have the opportunity to sell tickets, please let me know so we can get a volunteer to attend. Just because you recommend a place does not mean that you are the volunteer.

Make sure the bobbin is full and keep stitching,

Peggy Clark



January Block of the Month

Rail Fence Block

QU will continue with the red, white, and blue theme again for 2024. I plan on keeping these blocks simple throughout the year.

Link: <https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/quilt-blocks/rail-fence-quilt-block>

I will have a few printed patterns at the meeting for those without internet.

Finished Block: 12" square

Materials:

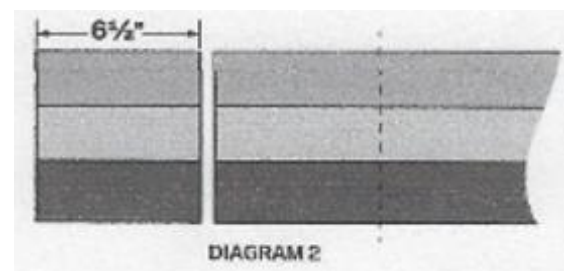
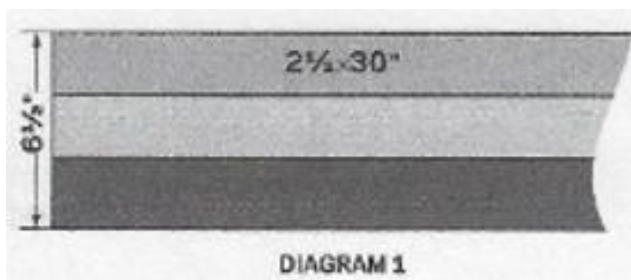
Yardages and cutting instructions are based on 42" of usable fabric width.

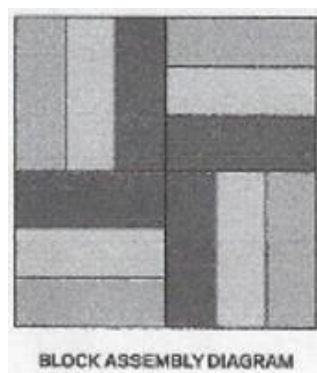
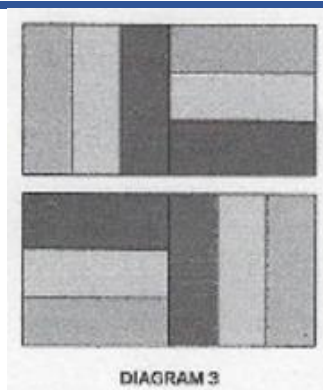
One 2 ½" x 30" strip each of red, white, and blue fabrics.

Assemble Block:

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

1. Referring to Diagram 1 and aligning long edges, sew together the solid 2 ½" x 30" strips to make a strip set. Press seams in one direction. The strip set should be 6 ½" x 30" including seam allowances.
2. Cut strip set into four 6 ½" squares (Diagram 2).
3. Referring to Diagram 3, sew together squares in pairs. Press seams open. Join pairs to make a Rail Fence block. Press seam in one direction. The block should be 12 ½" square including seam allowances.





Philanthropy Abounds!

The Quilting Bees who meet every Monday at the Tallahassee Senior Center turned in 18 quilts this week for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Approximately 27 more were turned in by many wonderful members earlier in the month.

Bits and Pieces has been working on a new project in memory of Julie Fredrickson, constructing Breast Cancer Pillows to be worn behind seatbelts. So far 150 pillows have been made. Bags of 10 each have been distributed to 5 cancer clinics in Tallahassee. More will be distributed in a few weeks. Other members of the guild have participated in this project. Thanks to everyone who has worked on these.

And 49 pillowcases (in the burrito-style) have been completed for Big Bend Hospice.

Thank you to all of you for your enthusiasm and generosity this year!

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair



Wanted: 2024 Quilt Show Boutique Team Members!

Contact Dawn or Shellie if you're a fun-loving creative person who is interested in joining the team and helping with the boutique. All funds raised by the boutique offset the guild's show-related expenses.

Starting early in 2024, the team will meet to share ideas, which includes putting together boutique item kits for distribution to membership at our monthly meetings.

Thank you,

Dawn Griffin and Shellie Johnson

Help Needed

Volunteer needed to assist at Dorothy Oven craft show the second Saturday in December. Stuff to sell at the show along with selling tickets for our Opportunity Quilt.

If interested, and for further information, contact Peggy Clark.



The holidays are approaching fast, so next year's quilt show may not be on your radar right now. Meanwhile, the committee will be meeting December 1 to keep ironing out details.

One thing you can do to help now that will only take two minutes is: search for #QU24SHOW on your computer or phone. The more people use the hashtag, the faster it will come up when we start using it in advertising!

Tuck these possibilities in a corner of your mind.

Please contact Sue Isaac if you have questions or suggestions about part of the show. We need lots of participation to make this show fabulous!

- Ask someone to be a [sponsor](#) and put them in touch with Susan Thomson.
- Get a business card from [vendors](#) you see at holiday markets if you think they'd be a good addition to our show. Pass them along to Peggy Allen.
- Decide what you'll donate to the silent auction; Marty O'Neil is heading that up.
- Think about what kind of basket you or your sit-and-stitch group can pull together for the "Kaleidoscope of Baskets." Karen Kunz can help with good ideas.
- Check with Dawn Griffin or Shellie Johnson about things to make for the boutique.
- Think about one quilt idea you could exhibit and talk about or one technique you could demonstrate for 15 to 45 minutes sometime during the show. Let Janet Taylor know.
- Plan which three quilts you're going to [enter](#) into the show. (No hanging sleeve, king-size quilts are welcome!) We hope many who have never put a quilt in a show before will participate!
- Buy your Challenge rules at the December guild meeting and start planning what could be your fourth quilt for the show.
- Don't forget to save the dates!!!

QU Library

Books can be requested and will be brought to the December meeting, however, there will not be a random selection of books to browse.



Please send book requests to mbhackmeyer@outlook.com.

2024 Challenge Quilt

It's 2024 Quilt Show Challenge Rules purchase time!! I've made another interesting set of rules to exercise your creative capabilities for the theme: "Kaleidoscope of Color."

No inflation here, rules are still only \$5. Come with cash or check. Buy for a friend. All monies taken in will go to prize winners in the categories (see rules for the categories).

Challenge Quilt Reveal will be at the August QU meeting since the quilt show opens in September. Entry forms will come next year as the committee firms all that stuff up. Your job now is to MAKE SOMETHING.

Bring your money to the December (and subsequent monthly) QU meetings.

Pam Doffek, 2024 Challenge Quilt Chair

2024 Membership Dues and Directory Photos

Due to our end of year party, we will not have a membership table at the December meeting. We will begin collecting cash or check payments for 2024 membership dues at the January meeting. If you would like to pay using a credit card, you may do so at any time from our website.

As we will be "all dolled up" for our party, directory photos will be taken at the December meeting. Look for Michele Hackmeyer to take your photo before we eat.

Happy Holidays,

Kerry Cohen, 2024 Membership Vice-President



Quilts of Valor

Retired U.S. Army Major Leigh C. Fairbank, III of Tallahassee was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on November 18, 2023. Major Fairbank served 22.5 years in the Army after graduating from West Point. He saw action in Viet Nam and earned numerous medals including 4 Purple Hearts, 2 Silver Stars, and 3 Bronze Stars for Valor. His quilt was made by Roberta G. and quilted by Sarah P. Major Fairbank is shown on the left with fellow veteran Bruce Grant on the right.

Quilts of Valor

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to retired U.S. Navy Captain Morris Steen at his home on November 21, 2023 in Greenville, Florida. Captain Steen served two tours in Viet Nam as part of his 27 years as a Naval Aviator. He earned multiple medals including 43 Air Medals, Legion of Merit, and Distinguished Flying Cross. His quilt was made by Linda O. and quilted by Sarah P.



Help Send a Little Sunshine

If a member needs some cheering up, don't forget to let me know. I'll send some sunshine their way on behalf of the guild!

Shelley Woodyard

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **December 28, 2023**.

Please submit materials to our Newsletter Editor via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. To receive a newsletter by mail, contact the editor for details.

Missing Email Blasts?

Check your email spam filter, check for blocked addresses, and/or add webmaster@quilttallahassee.com to your contact list. Still have problems? Email our Membership VP at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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Guild Calendar	
WHERE:	Guild Meetings: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
WHEN	WHAT
2023	
December 14	Guild Meeting: End of Year Party
2024	
January 11	Guild Meeting
January 18	Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Transformation Church, 2300 Old Bainbridge Road

• **2023 Officers**

President: Peggy Clark

President-Elect: Janet Taylor

Membership: Peggy Allen

Secretary: Deborah Kelly

Treasurer: Rachel Smith

Immediate Past President: Sue Isaac

• **2023 Chairs, Standing Committees**

Annual Quilt Show 2023: Karen Kunz

Annual Quilt Show 2024: Sue Isaac

Internet-Website: Sue Isaac

Internet-Email: Carol Eskola

Internet-Social Media: Tara Goodman

Newsletter: Carol Eskola

Opportunity 2023: Jeanne Brenner

Opportunity 2024: Jeanne Brenner

Philanthropy: Ann Gaber

Programs: Ellen Fournier, Gail Renna

Publicity: Tara Goodman

Workshops: Cheryl Gratt, Christine Walsh

• **2023 Chairs, Support Committees**

Block of the Month: Kerry Cohen

Challenge Quilt: Pam Doffek

City Hall Show: Lyn Gearity

Directory: Peggy Allen

Door Prizes: Jane Jordan

Equipment: Michele Hackmeyer

Library: Michele Hackmeyer

Quilter's Treasure: Jane Jordan

Silent Auction: Linda Stright

Sit & Stitch: Jeanne Brenner

Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard

Welcoming: Evelyn Gonzalez

• **2023 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees**

Auditor: Pam Doffek

Awards: Marsha Walper

Fiscal Planning: President, Pres-Elect, Treasurer, immediate Past Pres, one other

Nominating: Michele Hackmeyer

Parties: Vacant

Travel: TBD

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 Jeanne Brenner.**

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
Monday	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am-1 pm	Janice Watson
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Jane Kazmer
	Sew Darn Happy	Monday after QU Meeting 1:00-3:00 pm	Dawn Griffin
Tuesday	Bits and Pieces	1 st Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
Wednesday	Pin Pals	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00-3:30	Terri Smith
Thursday	Sew Arty	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Marion Millet
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 rd Thur 11 am-1:45 pm	Selena Foo
Saturday	Sew for HOPE St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 10 am - 2 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Sandra Tate
	Second Saturday	Saturday after guild meeting, 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 th Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell

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