

# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: March 14, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

## *President's Message – A Quilt Remembered*

Allow me to reflect on a trip of a lifetime, 1,376 miles of the perimeter of Florida, through sun, rains, highways, bridges, Key West, the Tamiami Trail, family visits, museums, and my very favorite, "Old Florida." We planned this journey around the Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show in Melbourne titled "The Artistry of Quilts," and I was astounded by the 350 quilts on display and the incredible exhibit by Kestral Michaud's "imaginative realism." She is an engaging, talented, and friendly person, and her creations are unique. I loved every minute of admiring all the rows of quilts, reading the descriptions, and speaking with the Seaside quilters. Florida quilters are truly gifted. (See page 3 for more pictures from the quilt show!)



Which leads me to my title. What is a "quilt remembered"? What quilts do we gravitate toward, take in, stay longer viewing, photograph, observe, analyze, and remember? Was it the theme, or the perfect points, the colors, fabric, or the sheer blast of incredulity upon seeing a Best of Show, or the quilt that is a post-illness creation of thanksgiving and resolve? I chose a floral explosion as my favorite for technique, and a holocaust remembrance quilt in honor of the families who perished. To remember a quilt is to appreciate, celebrate, and protect its living history.

March is bringing us out of our houses for revival and inspiration. Your outdoor skills (gardening, camping, hiking, neighborhood rounds) benefit by Florida's early spring. What we glean outside we bring to our quilt creations, and lo and behold another quilt is in the works! We're not competing with anyone, but we are drawing on our own desire to leave that legacy, imagining the finished product and its passage through time. Our upcoming Kaleidoscope of Color Quilt Show needs your entry, your demonstrations, your creative power! I look forward to being as astonished at the Fairgrounds this Labor Day as I was in Melbourne. People are going to be educated and amazed by our fine exhibits, our vendors to enjoy good sales, and our silent auction and



boutique to receive their due price. It's all worth it, a kaleidoscope of color with many quilts remembered. Prepare for the exposition, I mean, explosion!

In the kaleidoscope,

Janet Taylor

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## Upcoming Programs

March 14: Holley Curry and Judy Neel (daughter/mother), owners of M and M Monogramming on Thomasville Road, present "What's new in Monogramming." Judy will also present what her Loving Hands Quilters of Transformation Church do for our community.

April 11: The woman behind the name Sew Noles, Martha Heath, will be our speaker. Sew Noles is a sewing, fabric, teaching, and Janome store at Capital Circle East and Park Avenue.

May, June, and October are still open. In September we will celebrate in-house with our ribbons from the Kaleidoscope of Color quilt show.

I'll keep you posted as we add program speakers. I'm looking for someone who is an expert on THREAD. If you have any leads, let me know!

Janet Taylor

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## Membership News

### **2024 Membership Directory**

The QU directory will be available at the March guild meeting. Members, please check in at the membership table and pick up your copy.

### **Welcome Our New Members!**

We have two new members who recently joined QU: Sandra Robinson and Reba Ferguson. Welcome!

Kerry Cohen, 2024 Membership Vice-President

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## Sit-n-Stitch Update

The Quilters Unlimited website and this newsletter have an updated list of active Sit-n-Stitch groups. There are ten groups and the meeting time and contact information for each has been verified. Eight groups are open to new members.

Sit-n-Stitch groups are organized by Quilters Unlimited members who want to share their quilting interests with each other outside of regularly scheduled meetings or other guild activities. Anyone interested in forming a new Sit-n-Stitch group should talk to friends who might be interested and look for a time and place to meet. Contact Ellen Fournier about adding your group to the website and the newsletter and announcing it at guild meetings.

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Pictures from Janet's Visit to Melbourne's Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show



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## April Block of the Month

The North Wind Block

This block can be found at:

[North Wind \(quilterscache.com\)](http://quilterscache.com)

**\*\*Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block\*\***

Color 1....Cut one  $8\frac{7}{8}$ " square and one  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $14\frac{5}{8}$ " strip.

Color 2....Cut one  $8\frac{7}{8}$ " square and one  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $14\frac{5}{8}$ " strip.

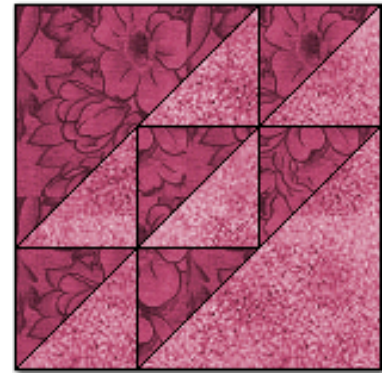
Stack large squares together and cut once on the diagonal.

Then stack and cut strips into three  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares. Now cut these once on the diagonal.

Sew together one light and one dark triangle. Please refer to the link above for further information if needed.

Teresa Bostwick

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Oh boy, a pot of gold – just point me to the nearest quilt shop, my stash needs building!

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## Quilts of Valor

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Adrian Barajas on February 14, 2024 in Dothan, Alabama. Adrian served 24 years in the US Army and retired in May 2018 as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. He was deployed to Iraq twice and also to Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Syria. He was a helicopter pilot and although injured was fortunate to survive a crash. His quilt was made by Linda O. and quilted by Sara P. He is shown on the left with his friend Marvin, a previous recipient.

Submitted by Roberta Granville



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## Notes from Philanthropy Chairs - Evelyn Gonzales and Marion Millet (with Ann Gaber assisting)

At the March meeting, we will be bringing quilt kits for tops to be pieced in traditional fashion. There will also be a sign-up sheet for dates and times to come to Ann's house to make more kits. This is a big push to clear much of our current donations for charity quilts.

Also at the March meeting, we will have components for quilt sandwiches to be quilted. Some may be best done on a long-arm or free-style machine. So, any of you with this type of machine, please consider taking a bundle. However, some will be small enough to be manageable on a standard machine. The quilting does not need to be fancy - sturdy is best!

There will also be kits available for strip quilts, also known as quilt-as-you-go quilts. These are easy to complete on a standard sewing machine.

If you would like to make a charity quilt of your own design, you can gather some or all of the materials you need from donated fabrics available from our philanthropy team.

Thank you to all of you who took tops to quilt or bind at the February meeting!

Dozens of quilts were delivered to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Big Bend Hospice in the last month.

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## OUR Quilt Show is Beginning to Roll!

It's been an encouraging month for Quilt Show planning — we're seeing more and more members getting involved! This show is going to be great because of YOUR participation!

- 🌀 Kits flew out the door for Boutique items at the February Guild Meeting. I can confirm that the kits I took were really well put together. Let us see your craftiness at Show-and-Tell soon 😊! Instructions are at <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/qu24show-donate/>
- 🌀 Kudos to Wendy Adams for recruiting **THREE** show sponsors 😊! Give her a high-five and ask her how easy it was! Sponsor brochures can be downloaded at <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/be-a-sponsor/>
- 🌀 There are currently 10 quilts entered in the show. Three people have entered two each 😊!  
(Please WATCH FOR THE EMAIL CONFIRMATION of your entry. That's how you'll know your entry form was accepted. If you are having trouble, please come see me at the Guild Meeting.) Enter your quilts at <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/enter-quilt/>
- 🌀 Clarifications about Volunteering: The requirement of a volunteer shift for each quilt you enter does not apply to Challenge quilts. So if you enter a Challenge quilt, you can have 4 quilts in the show and just be there for 3 three shifts 😊! Also, please remember that giving a Demonstration of any aspect of quilting or related crafts counts for a volunteer shift. Pick your preferred time to give a demonstration by signing up at <https://signup.com/go/DUQkbPr>

**#QU24Show**

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## QU Show TEAM Boutique Update

*Inspired by the words from the song "We are Family" by Sister Sledge. Together we can make the show a huge success – remember we are family, I have all my sisters with me so get up everybody and SEW.*

HOW CAN YOU HELP? QU members need to pick up kits at the meeting or make arrangements with us to get them. *These very simple kits\**, which include all fabric, materials, and pattern to be created and returned no later than the July meeting. *No stress very fun projects – do two or more a month!* You only need to supply thread and your time. For those who are unable to attend the meetings; patterns/instructions are also available online for you to make at home (and assist you in reducing your own fabric stash). See <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/qu24show-donate/>



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Andrea has kits for the fun drawstring backpack that are already partially completed – you just add the finishing touches!

Even our Quilt Show Coordinator, Sue, found time to make a huge amount of Key Caddies.



**\*Kits:** Soup bowl cozy \*  
Cosmetic bag (small, medium, and large) \*  
Drawstring backpacks \*  
Dog bandanas (small/med/large/teeny tiny) \* Key Caddies (square and rectangle) \* Patchwork & Infinity scarves \*  
Journal covers \* Bookmarks.



**Special shout out to the Bodacious Boutique Team Members (and wanna be dancers):** Ann Gaber, Deborah Kelly, Shellie Johnson, Andrea Fenn and Ellen Fournier.

**Linda Patton** for taking on the huge (and I mean huge) task of organizing all the various sizes of donated squares and to the ladies of **Frayed Edges** who are using their talents to create many items for the boutique. It's going to be awesome.

Remember, it's **your** quilt show, and we need **your** help in making the boutique successful to offset expenses and show the public how talented we are.

Thanks, Dawn Griffin

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## QU Show Silent Auction

I can no longer remain "silent". I must shout out with enthusiasm about the Silent Auction and the donations I already received. We have some beautiful quilts donated for the Silent Auction which will yield good proceeds for QU but we need many more items. I was fortunate to attend the Frayed Edges Sit N Stitch group and see the projects they are working on for the Silent Auction. I am shouting out the need for other Sit and Stitch groups to think about working on auction items. Remember the donations can include any sewn or quilted item such as quilts, wall hangings, purses, place mats, table runners, necklaces, ragdolls or such.

PLEASE NOTE: The boutique will be selling cosmetic-size bags, book covers, pet collars and backpacks so keep that in mind as we do not want to compete with the boutique.

As a reminder, the participant who brings in the most money for a single donated item will receive their next year's QU dues (2025) gratis. Please note that the award is for a single entry and does not include the total of an individual's multiple entries. However,

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we do encourage multiple entries if you so desire. The Sit N Stitch group that brings in the most money for a group donation will receive a \$20 gift certificate, given to the contact person named in the directory, to use at one of your upcoming Sit N Stitch sessions.

Quilts should have a label on the back with the quilter's name, a title for the item, and the year completed. The title will be published in the Silent Auction Guidelines given to bidders at the show. It would be helpful to also provide the size (in length and width) of a donated quilt. You can optionally set a minimum bid amount for each of your items — you will get an item back at the end of the show if the minimum for it is not met by a bidder.

I will be accepting Silent Auction donations at every QU meeting. If you are unable to bring your item, I am very happy to meet up with you to get your donation. You can contact me via email at [stichnmo@aol.com](mailto:stichnmo@aol.com) or by cell at 850-345-1530. Let's make this Silent Auction one to shout about! Thanks again and I look forward to receiving your Silent Auction donations.

Marty O'Neill

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## Sponsorship for 2024 Quilt Show

Hi Quilters,

I need everyone's help in obtaining Sponsors for our Quilt Show August 31-September 2, 2024 at the Florida Fairgrounds. I have approached Sew Noles, Bernina Connection, Quilt Peddler, Joann's Fabrics and Michael Revell, Sewing Machine Repair. They all have Sponsorship applications and are considering participation. If you belong to an organization that might be interested, please give them an application form, or contact me. Here's the link to the form: [Sponsor-Agreement.pdf \(quilttallahassee.com\)](#)

Susan Thomson  
941-773-1595  
[ssfflorida@yahoo.com](mailto:ssfflorida@yahoo.com)

*Thank you for your participation in the quilt guild!*

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## 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 **March 27, 2024**.

Please submit materials to our Newsletter Editor via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com) to your contact list. Still have problems? Email our Membership VP at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:membership@quilttallahassee.com). If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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## In Memoriam

Carol Harrison, a longtime member of Quilters Unlimited, passed away on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Jacksonville, Florida. She was a school teacher for many years but her passion was sewing, quilting and painting. In the 1980s she became chairman of the Florida Quilt History Project for the State of Florida, documenting over 5000 quilts. She also organized the "McQuilters" who raised funds for Ronald McDonald House. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

Guild Calendar	
2024	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
March 14	Guild Meeting
March 15	Mariner's Compass Workshop ( 1 day )
March 16	Mariner's Compass Workshop ( 1 day )
March 21	Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Main Library
April 11	Guild Meeting
May 9	Guild Meeting
June 13	Guild Meeting

June 20	Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Main Library
July 11	Guild Meeting
August 8	Guild Meeting
August 22	Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Main Library
Aug 30-Sep 1	QU Quilt Show, N. Florida Fairgrounds
Sept 12	Guild Meeting
Oct 17	Guild Meeting
Nov 7	Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Main Library
Nov 14	Guild Meeting
Dec 12	End of Year Celebration, Temple Israel

<b>2024 OFFICERS</b>	
President	Janet Taylor
President-Elect (Vice President)	TBA
Treasurer	Peggy Clark, Rachel Smith
Membership Vice-President	Kerry Cohan
Secretary	Cheryl Fontenot
Immediate Past President	Peggy Clark
<b>2024 Committee and Activity Chairpersons</b>	
Annual Capital City Quilt Show 2024:	
~ Chair	Sue Isaac
~ Vendor Coordinator	Peggy Allen
~ Sponsor Coordinator	Susan Thomson
~ Baskets Coordinator	Karen Kunz
~ Demos and Kids' Area Coord.	Janet Taylor
~ Boutique Coordinators	Dawn Griffin, Shellie Johnson
~ Reception and Logistics	Ann Gaber
Auditor	Pam Doffek
Awards Coordinator	Janet Hughes
Block of the Month Coordinator	Teresa Bostwick
Boutique Coordinator	Dawn Griffin, Shellie Johnson
Challenge Quilt Coordinator	Pam Doffek
City Hall Show Coordinator (2025)	Janet Taylor

Door Prize Coordinator	Teresa Bostwick
Equipment Coordinator	Michele Hackmeyer
Fiscal Planning	Pres., Pres-Elect, Imm. Past Pres., Treasurer, Guild Member at Large
Internet Team: Email	Carol Eskola
Internet Team: Social Media	Tara Goodman
Internet Team: Website	Jennifer Darnell
Library Coordinator	Michele Hackmeyer
Newsletter Coordinator	Carol Eskola
Nominating	TBD
Opportunity Quilt 2024 Coord.	TBD
Opportunity Quilt 2025 Coord.	TBD
Parties	TBD
Philanthropy Coordinators	Marion Millet, Evelyn Gonzalez
Program Coordinators	TBD
Publicity Coordinator	Tara Goodman
Quilter's Treasure Coord.	Teresa Bostwick
Silent Auction Coordinator	Marty O'Neill
Sit-n-Stitch Coordinator	Ellen Fournier
Sunshine Coordinator	Shelley Woodyard
Travel Coordinator	Christine Walsh
Welcoming Committee Coord.	Jeanne Brenner
Workshops & Classes Coord.	Cheryl Gratt (Zoom), Peggy Clark

## Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of quilters who meet regularly to work on service projects, learning and practicing quilting techniques, or working on members' individual projects. Some groups meet in members' homes on a rotating basis and others meet at specified locations. If you are interested in joining a sit-n-stitch group, please call Ellen Fournier or call the group's contact person. Phone numbers are available to Guild members in the Quilters Unlimited Membership Directory. Members are encouraged to form new sit-n-stitch groups to match their quilting interests.

<b>Monday</b>	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am-1 pm	Janice Watson
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm Southwood Community Center	Jane Kazmer
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bits and Pieces	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pin Pals*	1st and 3rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00-3:30	Teri Smith
<b>Thursday</b>	Sew Arty	3rd Thursday 11:30 am-1:30 pm Bernina Connection Bring your own lunch.	Marion Millet
	Patchwork & Prayer	1st, 3rd, 4th Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm Crawfordville	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts	3rd Thursday 11 am-1:45 pm Northeast Branch Library	Selena Foo
<b>Friday</b>	Frayed Edges*	Weekly, 9:30-12:00	Loui Tope
<b>Saturday</b>	Sew for HOPE	1st & 3rd Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Bring your own lunch. St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road	Sandra Tate, Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	Saturday after guild meeting, 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
<b>* Group is currently at maximum capacity.</b>			