

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: April 11, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message – Eye of the Needle

Eye of the Tiger is the theme song from the 1982 film *Rocky III*. The rhythm of the song matches boxing punches, and the lyrics portray a survivor who stays in the fight with renewed focus and determination. I can imagine transferring that beastly stalking image to that of a small, thin, steel bit, hooked into a machine (or a hand), with a rhythm that is every bit as grand as a person in the ring completing a round after much practice and focus. The winner doesn't procrastinate with an "I will try," but plans the day with an "I will do."

This month's message is to prompt us to focus. After the pollen-snow, rains, muddy shoes, and winter fabrics, it is time to sharpen our craft on spring and summer colors and themes, QU uploads that need fulfillment, KOC show duties, doctor appointments, family visits, animal care, elder love, and whatever chore calls out to you daily. But as members of a Guild, we survive all that yells out for attention, to focus on creating and sewing up that planned piece, get the seam at a quarter inch, engage a presser foot, and move the eye of the needle. It's such a little thing, but it moves miles of thread to connect pieces that will stick together for decades. It's the eye of the needle that goes the distance, stays ahead of the feed dog, stays hungry for ever more thread, and relishes the glory of a completed piece. The eye of the tiger doesn't match the eye of the needle in the ring of a sewing champion.

I ran up those "Rocky Steps" many times, hung out in the Museum of Art, came of age walking the Philly streets. Years have gone by, and life's viewpoints change, but the will to focus never ceases. Take that tiger's eye and transfer its wild energy to the needle's eye and buzz that motion to a new level. Set up the project and strike with the eye of the needle in all its little, focused might.

Janet Taylor



Membership News

Welcome Our New Members!

We have two new members that recently joined QU, Francine King and Raynell King. Welcome!

2024 Membership Directory

The 2024 Directory is printed, and current (paid) QU members receive a copy. If you were not at the March meeting, stop by the membership table if you have not picked up your copy yet.

Kerry Cohen, 2024 Membership Vice-President

May Block of the Month

The Double T Block

This block can be found at:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com//quilt-patterns/quilt-blocks/Double-T-quilt-block>

Refer to picture at the right.

Cut the Fabric:

From Red cut:

**** 1 - 4 7/8" square; cut once diagonally

**** 8 - 2 1/2" squares

From Blue cut:

**** 1 - 4 7/8" square; cut once diagonally

**** 8 - 2 1/2" squares

From Cream cut:

**** 1 - 4 1/2" square; center square

**** 8 - 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles

Assemble the block:

1. Place one red 2 1/2" square on one end of cream 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle, sew diagonal line. Place one blue 2 1/2" square opposite end and sew diagonally. Make 4 flying geese with red on right, blue on left side and 4 with red on left and blue on right side. Sew 2 like geese together to make 4 units.

2. Sew one red half square with one blue half square making 4 units. Refer to picture for placement. Block should be 12 1/2" square.

Teresa Bostwick



April Program

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.

Don't Miss This Zoom Workshop, "Starting with Silk"



Many of us have silk treasures from trips abroad, neckties or prom dresses that are too special to cut-up so we leave them tucked away in a drawer or box. IT'S TIME TO GET THEM OUT AND MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL! Julia is a very engaging, enthusiastic teacher. You will like her!

This workshop has three elements: You'll begin by determining the fiber content of your fabrics by using the burn test. Julia will then cover two very different ways to work with silk: First, a very free, improvisational crazy piecing technique and second, a foundation piecing method that gives stability and ultra-precise results, even with the lightest weight silks.

Working with your stash, you'll construct elements in these two techniques that can be combined into a small, pillow-sized finished piece.

Let's ZOOOOOOOOOOOMMM our way into STARTING WITH SILK with Julia McLeod. THIS IS OUR FIRST ZOOM CLASS! Join us so we can offer more and more!

When: May 11th, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm and continuing to May 18, 2024 9:30am-12:30pm.

There will be no recordings available after the class.

How much? \$45 for Quilters Unlimited and Friendship Star Quilters, and if you want to bring a friend who is not a member, the cost will be \$60. Sign up NOW to make sure we can Zoom our way working with silk! Register online on the QU website <https://www.quilttallahassee.com> or call Cheryl Gratt to make arrangements or ask questions: 850-591-0121.

Quilts of Valor

On March 15, 2024, a Quilt of Valor was awarded to Claude Shipley, retired colonel US Army. Colonel Shipley was being honored at the West Point Founders Day celebration held at Golden Eagle Country Club. Colonel Shipley served 26 years during which time he earned numerous medals and awards. His quilt was made by Linda O. and quilted by Susan S.

Submitted by Roberta Granville



DEMONSTRATIONS at the QUILT SHOW!

Having room and time for demonstrations at the Quilt Show is one more way that this year's show is going to be BIG!

Did you know?

- Giving a demonstration at the show (15–45 minutes long) takes the place of a volunteer shift (3 hours).
- Demonstrations can be on any topic of quilting or fabric art. (*Have you ever done helio printing? Made a huswife?— you'll get a chance to watch!*)
- A trunk show highlighting some aspect of your quilting also makes a great demonstration — *two of the guild's distinguished quilters are on board for this option already!*
- 8 of 20 Demonstration Time Slots are already full.

About the demonstration area

The demonstration area holds at most about 30 chairs, so you won't be in front of a huge audience.

There will be electricity/table/chair for you if you want to bring your machine.

There will be racks to hang quilts.

The guild's projector and screen will be there if you want to show slides or video from your laptop.

The diversity of unique talents among our guild members is amazing — share your favorite corner of the quilting world with others! Sign up [HERE](#) before all the slots are filled.



QU Show TEAM Boutique Update

Thank you to those who made amazing items and turned them in at the March meeting. You exceeded our expectations!

HOW YOU CAN 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! Only need to supply thread and your time. Great way to learn how to make something new that might be an idea for a gift. 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/>

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 Isaac** found time to make a huge amount of the Key Caddies. **Linda O'Sullivan** delivered a large pile of journal covers, mug rugs and even a few holiday table runners. **Era Singer** created a beautiful patchwork scarf using up some of her stash. The Share a Hug pillows from **Wendy Adams** are sure to be a hot item at the boutique during the show.

***Remaining Kits:** * Cosmetic bag (small, medium, and large) * Drawstring backpacks * Key Caddies (square and rectangle) * Patchwork & Infinity scarves * Journal covers.

Special shout out to the Bodacious Boutique Team Members who worked hard in creating the kits: Ann Gaber, Deborah Kelly, Shellie Johnson, Andrea Fenn and Ellen Fournier.

*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

QU Show Silent Auction

Please accept this note as “Friendly Reminder” that I am still in need for Silent Auction items. I was very pleased at the last QU meeting to have several of you approach me to keep me updated on your promise to submit items. I look forward to each QU meeting to gather the auction treasures and add to the items for sale.

I am still looking for High Tech expertise. We still have time to problem solve if we would be able to set up a system that provides the “bidder” with an alert of a recent bid to help them assess if they need to change their bid to win the silent auction item.



Is anyone familiar with this process? Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

As stated in previous newsletters: 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, 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.

It is important to note that the quilts (or items) 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.

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 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

Sponsorship for 2024 Quilt Show

Hi Quilters,

Thank you to all of you who are obtaining sponsors for our show. We have collected \$4,112.66 so far. We are halfway there! Our local quilt shops are participating as sponsors and Sue Isaac secured us a grant from Visit Tallahassee. Please thank our local quilt shops whenever you make a purchase. Continue to keep up the great work and make this a fabulous quilt show. The sponsorship application is linked here: [Sponsor-Agreement.pdf \(quilttallahassee.com\)](#) The list of current sponsors is here: [SPONSORS \(quilttallahassee.com\)](#)

Susan Thomson
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Philanthropy Update

Quilting for philanthropy isn't merely about creating beautiful quilts; it's about creating tangible expressions of care and solidarity. Our QU philanthropy quilts are often destined for individuals or communities facing hardship, whether due to natural disasters, illness, poverty, loneliness or other adversities. Each stitch becomes a symbol of empathy, each piece of fabric a token of support. *Thank you so much for your contributions that have kept QU philanthropy going strong all this time!*

During March, QU members sewed and quilted a total of 63 quilts:

4 quilts and 31 pillowcases to Big Bend Hospice

28 quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Please stop by the philanthropy table at the next QU meeting and help yourself to one of our lovely pre-cut quilt projects, including:

Strip quilts

Pillowcases

Simple quilt tops

No pressure: Just pick up a kit or two and return at the next meeting.

Again, thank you for your philanthropic contributions to our community!

Philanthropy Donations

Thanks to our members' generosity we have MORE THAN ENOUGH donated fabric at this time and cannot accept any more. But going forward to that time when we once again need donations, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- ✓ If the fabric is your own, please ensure that it's CLEAN.
- ✓ If the fabric is from another donor and is NOT clean, if possible please wash & dry the fabric. You needn't do this if it's too much of a burden – the philanthropy chairs can also do this as long as it's not a full-time job.
- ✓ Please go through the donations to ensure there are no pins, needles, hook & eye cards or other “ancient” notions or BUGS. Pins especially – no one wants to be stabbed!
- ✓ Like I said at the March meeting, no one wants an ugly quilt – especially not children. Please ensure the donated fabric is *BRIGHT* and 100% cotton. Philanthropy needs the same pretty material we all want for our quilts.

Thank you so much and if you have any questions, please call one of the Philanthropy coordinators, Ann Gabor, Evelyn Gonzalez and Marion Millet.





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 **April 26, 2024**.

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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on Facebook & stay connected. <https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



Guild Calendar	
2024	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
April 11	Guild Meeting
May 9	Guild Meeting
May 11	9:30 am Zoom Workshop "Starting with Silks", Part 1
May 18	9:30 am Zoom Workshop "Starting with Silks", Part 2
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

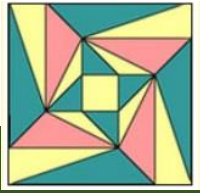
2024 OFFICERS	
President	Janet Taylor
President-Elect (Vice President)	TBA
Treasurer	Peggy Clark, Rachel Smith
Membership Vice-President	Kerry Cohan
Secretary	Cheryl Fontenot
Immediate Past President	Peggy Clark
2024 Committee and Activity Chairpersons	
Annual Capital City Quilt Show 2024:	
~ Chair	Sue 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.

Monday	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am-1 pm	Janice Watson
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm Southwood Community Center	Jane Kazmer
Tuesday	Bits and Pieces	1 st Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
Wednesday	Pin Pals*	1st and 3rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00-3:30	Teri Smith
Thursday	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
Friday	Frayed Edges*	Weekly, 9:30-12:00	Loui Tope
Saturday	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
* Group is currently at maximum capacity.			



CLASSIFIED ADS

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Two collections from the estate of Joy Vo.

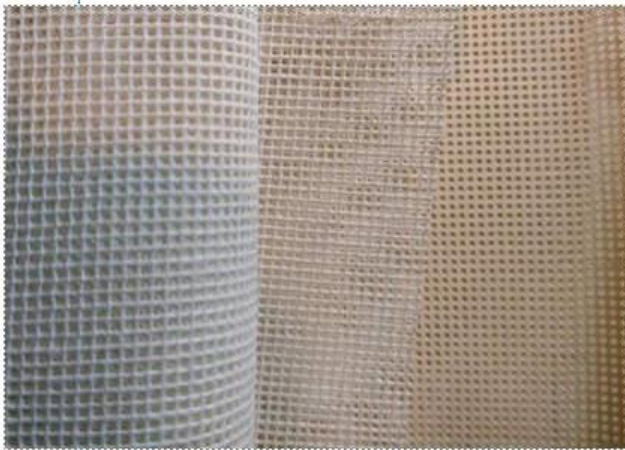
Contact Linda Patton: email lpatton@fsu.edu or text 850-570-0011.

1. Large box of cross stitch and needlepoint items: kits, fabrics, needles, and many patterns. A small sample of the items:



MANY, MANY PATTERNS AND SOME BOOKS

KITS



ALL KINDS OF FABRICS FOR NEEDLEPOINT AND CROSS STITCH



NEEDLES

2. Box of ribbon embroidery items: silk ribbons, pattern books, silk floss, needles. Joy couldn't recall the name of the person she wanted these to go to—it was the person who had a rather large fabric fairy-like doll on display at a guild meeting some time ago—maybe even pre-COVID. If you're that person, please contact me. But if anyone else wants this collection, please go ahead and let me know, in case the unknown person doesn't turn up.



BOX WITH CLOSE TO 100 SILK RIBBONS



RIBBONS, FLOSS, NEEDLES

MANY, MANY PATTERN BOOKS

Classified Ads -- Instructions

Only Guild Members can list items for sale, for services, or “free-to-a-good-home”. How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

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