

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: May 9, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message – Your Stash, Your Joy

April's meeting was delightful as we heard from smiling Martha from Sew Noles. My favorite quote of hers: "I've been sewing for 59 years and I used a seam ripper this morning!" We heard the admissions of a wise business owner and sewing teacher. She is standing proof that determination is a key to success. And her teaching others to sew is entirely impressive! Thank you all for your kind reception and attention. This month we hear from our own Janet Hughes as she shares her splendid trunk. Plan to be there, bring your BOTMs, boutique items, philanthropy quilts, isolette covers, and whatever you've made this month that has come from **your stash**.

First of all, as a beginner quilter, I never wanted a stash. I had this crazy idea that a project could be completed before the next one began, using up most of the material. Fabrics from lessons, workshops, local, and online shops, friends, legacy giveaways, more than crept into my house and car, so that now I have a fabric pantry. (Pretty soon, the food pantry is going to turn into fabric!) But oh how good it is to be able to whip up a piece to completion, at hand, without having to step out and search too far. Stash busting may never be in my vocabulary because I like the nearness of it. While I'm not suggesting you add to the mountain, I am thinking that stashing is a means to a good end. No more guilt, only satisfied joy. Ask yourself, "What should I have in my stash?" instead of "How do I get rid of all this?"

The month of May gives quilters another reason to sew. Colder weather officially is behind us and our city graduates, competes, showcases, and thrives. Summer is getting scheduled and dining out means outside picnics with longer walks. My indoor mall walking is less frequent. Sewing doesn't take a back seat at all, since we are crafters who thread the needle, run the table, pass the yardage, take the three-point shot, game-set-match, walk a fine line, and aim high every time. We hang the moon. During the school year I would enjoy the day saying "May the Fourth Be With You," and guess what, I can still say that to our Quilters Unlimited!

May the "Quarter Inch Seam" Be With You!

Janet Taylor

Membership News

Welcome Our New Members!

We have a new member that recently joined QU, Karyn Roberts. Welcome!

June Block of the Month

The Brasstown Star Block

This block can be found at:

[Brasstown Star \(quilterscache.com\)](http://quilterscache.com)

Refer to picture at the right.

Cut the fabric:

From red:

*** 4 - 4 1/2" squares

From blue:

*** 4 - 4 1/2" squares, corners

*** 8 - 2 1/2" squares

From White/Cream

*** 1 - 4 1/2" square, center block

*** 8 - 2 1/2" squares

Assemble the block:

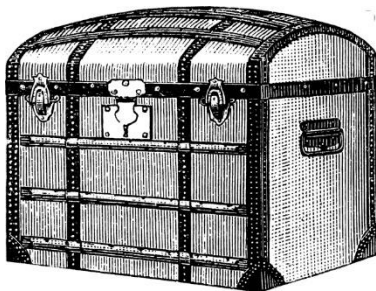
1. Sew diagonally 1 blue 2 1/2" square to each side of red 4 1/2" square.
2. On opposite end, sew diagonally 1 white/cream 2 1/2" square to each side of red 4 1/2" square (refer to picture above).

Block should measure 12 1/2".

Teresa Bostwick



May Program



Janet Hughes will present the program "The Evolution of a Quilter" and will include the story and PowerPoint pictures of her quilting journey as well as some of her quilts.

“Starting with Silk” Workshop Update

I have an update on Starting with Silk Class on May 11th and 18th! IT'S A GO! What does that mean? We have 10 more available slots if you are still interested. We have met the minimum! Registration will be open until May 8th.

If you have registered, I will send your supply very soon and if you register after today I will send the supply list when I get the notice you have registered!

The project is easily changed to blocks for pillows or table runners, or you can plan a quilt from the sample she shows in her video!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PlmYt_j2MYPim7es5HJssi1XYgFqMboH/view

Questions? Concerns? Please give me call or text me!

Chery Gratt, 850-591-0121

Need Ties for This Project? See This Offer:

Are you taking the “Starting with Silk” Zoom classes? Do you need silk ties to play with? I have bags and bags of them for you. Just call/email or text me to arrange a “pickup”. My info is in the directory. Ties available after May 6 with no limit to how many you may have.



Pam Doffek

Challenge Quilt

I'm back from travels and will have copies of the 2024 Challenge Quilt rules with me at our May meeting. Still only \$5 and fun and easy to participate. Come see me between 6 & 6:30 before the meeting starts. All cash and checks accepted.

Pam Doffek

New QU Publicity Email Address

A new email address is being used for guild publicity. Please send any publicity requests to qupublicity@gmail.com.

To make the guild show a success, it is important that we have lots of pictures of your beautiful quilts to showcase the event. If you are entering a quilt in the show, please consider sending a picture of the quilt with the following information to the address above: Your name, the name of the quilt, the pattern designer and most importantly, a photo!

If you have some great ideas on how to promote the quilt show, we want to hear from you!

Tara Goodman

Distinguished Quilter Award

It's time to start thinking about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited for the Distinguished Quilter Award. Nominations are due by **July 1**. Nomination forms for Distinguished Quilter are online at: <https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>. The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper and must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.



In addition to basic contact information, the entry form has three sections to describe the nominee.

1. Outstanding quilting expertise and talent
2. Quilting demonstrations, teaching and/or writing by quilter
3. Local, regional, and/or national quilt shows entered; awards received

The Award Criteria below is online in the Policies and Procedures:

4. Committee Procedures for Nomination

- a) The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations from active Quilters Unlimited members through forms, published on the guild's web site.
- b) There shall be a nominator and a co-nominator, and both shall complete and sign the Nomination Form.
- c) The Awards Committee Chairperson shall not be a nominator or co-nominator. In the case of any tie votes, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- d) An Awards Committee member, nominated for an award, shall not participate in discussions or voting pertaining to that award.

5. Distinguished Quilter Award Criteria

- a) The Distinguished Quilter Award will be given to a participating guild member, who: supports the goals and purposes of Quilters Unlimited by promoting knowledge of and interest in quilting and the art of quilting; has outstanding quilting expertise and talent; shares by demonstrations, teaching, or writing; and enters quilts in local, regional, and national quilt shows.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as an officer or committee chairperson, demonstrate areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other), and show initiative and/or assume responsibility.
- c) The Distinguished Quilter Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than July 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Contact Janet Hughes with questions about submitting nominations.

!!!! Field Trip !!!!

DATE: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Field trip to the Leavy County Quilting Museum [Levy County Quilt Museum - Quilt Museum, Craft Items for Sale](#) with lunch at the Suwannee Belle Landing [Suwannee Belle Landing Restaurant | Old Town FL | Facebook](#) and then a stop at Busy Bobbins Quilt Shop in Chiefland, Florida [The Busy Bobbins | Chiefland, FL](#).

Enjoy a nice bus ride to the museum where we will see a collection of Sieglinde Schoen Smith's quilts including the Mother Earth and Her Children quilt that won Best of Show at the International Quilt Show in Houston, Texas in 2006. The museum also houses other quilts from local artists as well as quilts and other handmade items for purchase. (NOTE: They do not accept credit cards or debit cards. Admission is free).

After a morning at the museum, we will enjoy a scrumptious lunch at the Suwannee Belle Landing in Old Towne, FL. This restaurant is off the beaten path and overlooks the historical Suwannee River (meal not included in trip fee). After lunch we will be stopping at the Busy Bobbin Quilt Shop in Chiefland. Here we will be able to shop and enjoy Busy Bobbin's hospitality. They will have a demo of one of their favorite techniques and who know what treasure we might find. After that we will recover as we ride back to Tallahassee.



Depart at Walmart by Costco: 8:00am,
Arrive at Museum 10:00am, leave and head
to Suwannee Belle Landing 12:00pm (noon),
leave and head to Busy Bobbins at 1:30pm,
Head back to Tallahassee at 4:00pm with
an expected arrival at 6:00pm

Fee: \$60.00 Due on or before the June 13th
meeting

If interested, please call or text Christine
Walsh at 772-215-3034.

#QU24Show Needs You!

A few **Fast Facts** about our show "**Kaleidoscope of Color**":

🌐 **5 of the 27 quilts that have been entered in the show so far were made by first-time exhibitors!**

As the show coordinator, I am really excited about that! It shows that our members understand that this is a show for the whole guild. The more people who enter quilts, the more

variety of styles, fabrics, colors, sizes, techniques, tastes, etc. will be on display.

🌀 **18 of our 131 members have entered (one or more) quilts so far.**

*I hope the other **113** members all treat us to the privilege of displaying their work! We want 200 quilts in the show — including YOURS!*

🌀 **4 of the 20 available Vendor spaces have been reserved and paid for.**

Please continue to talk up our show and collect business cards from vendors when you go to events. Get them to Peggy Allen and she will follow up with them. Or better still, print a copy of the vendor application and tuck it in your purse. You can find it at <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/qu24show-vendors/>



🌀 **Sponsorships so far will cover over \$5,000 of the show's expenses.**

We are so very grateful to these early contributors! — but still need more.

Sue Isaac

QU Show TEAM Boutique Update

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

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- any gift bags (all sizes) that you don't need can be donated for use at the boutique. Please bring them to the meeting.
- pick up the few remaining kits* at the meeting or make arrangements with us to get them to you.

These very simple kits*, which include all fabric, materials, and pattern to be created and turned in no later than the July meeting. 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 if you want to make items at home (and assist you in reducing your own fabric stash). See [Donate Something to the Show \(quilttallahassee.com\)](http://www.quilttallahassee.com)

***Remaining Kits:** * Drawstring backpacks * Key Caddies (square and rectangle)* Patchwork & Infinity scarves * Cosmetic bags and *Journal covers.

At the September guild meeting we will be selling any items not sold at the show.

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, members of Frayed Edges and Linda Patton.*

Thanks, Dawn Griffin

QU Show Silent Auction

The "Silent Auction" is no longer "silent." I am very excited to say all of you have been great about sending me items. I have a nice selection and am hoping to increase our auction items in the next several months. I do want to thank everyone who has contributed and of course thanks go to the individuals still working on their contribution. I must admit I am seriously thinking of purchasing some of the auction items myself but am having a hard time deciding on the bidding item. The selection of full size quilts, crib size quilts, and wall hangings are beautiful. Since I am having a hard time choosing which item to purchase and am confident our future "bidders" will be in the same dilemma. Wait till you see what we have for sale. You will want to buy the items too. Thanks again and please feel free to contact me if you need me to collect your auction items before or after the QU meetings. We all want this auction to be one of the best and with what you are sending me I am confident we will easily have that well-deserved reputation.

There is still time to problem solve the ability to have a system that interacts with your cell phone to provide the latest bid on a silent auction item. I am still looking for High Tech expertise to help review the feasibility of such a mechanism. 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





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 **May 28, 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.	
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

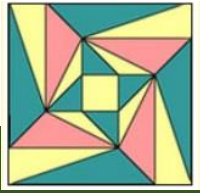
2024 OFFICERS	
President	Janet Taylor
President-Elect (Vice President)	TBA
Treasurer	Peggy Clark, Rachel Smith
Membership Vice-President	Kerry Cohan
Secretary	Cheryl Fontenot
Immediate Past President	Peggy Clark
2024 Committee and Activity Chairpersons	
Annual Capital City Quilt Show 2024:	
~ Chair	Sue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

From the estate of Joy Vo.

Large box of cross stitch and needlepoint items: kits, fabrics, needles, and many patterns.

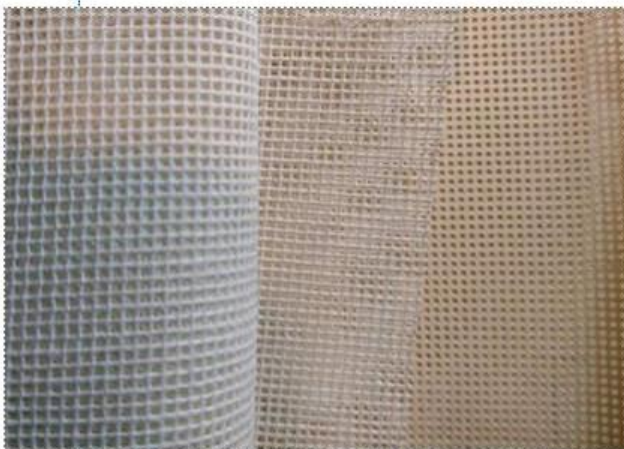
Contact Linda Patton: email lpatton@fsu.edu or text 850-570-0011.

A small sample of the items:



MANY, MANY PATTERNS AND SOME BOOKS

KITS



ALL KINDS OF FABRICS FOR NEEDLEPOINT AND CROSS STITCH



NEEDLES

Items for Sale

Longarm for Sale

By Linda Robbins

850-510-6943

petronlj@msn.com

Gammill Premier 18”

Stitch Regulator

12 foot pivot access table with attached overhead light bar

Original owner - purchased in 2008 – personal use and donation quilts

Heavy duty locking casters for ease of movement

Laser light for pantographs

Channel locks – horizontal and vertical

Zipper leader system

Stand alone bobbin winder

Ruler base

Selling to upgrade to computer quilting system

Serviced by a Gammill technician on 11/18/2023.

Set up and ready to test drive

Buyer is responsible for disassembling, moving, and reassembly. (We could assist with moving and reassembly if new location is in south GA or north FL.)

~~\$8,500~~

\$6,500 or best offer

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.