

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: June 13, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message – Make Like a Quilt and Breathe

Summer in Tallahassee means flip flops, more sun, beach and garden days, ice cream, watermelon, sun dresses, sweaters, and summer-themed quilts. One might think quilts are not needed in hot summer months, but with air conditioning, cooler evenings, afternoon naps, or family visits, who doesn't love a cotton quilt to comfort, rest, lay out, back-seat ride, or sunroom sit. Cotton quilts breathe, and if your summer is gearing up to be busy with trip planning, projects, quilt show entries, giftings, or family coming in, then make like a quilt and breathe! Take advantage of your summer color creations, and sit and breathe under a home-made instant tranquilizer.

Let's celebrate this past month, even though the very next morning from our last meeting we spun through three Tallahassee tornadoes! Janet Hughes delivered a beautiful presentation on her life as a quilter, from sweetly simple to astoundingly complex. I was mesmerized by her creations. She makes her machine dance indeed! Then, QU held its first zoom workshop with Julia McLeod. We postponed our first Saturday after the tornadoes, then the next two Saturday mornings were spent watching Julia, from California and then England! We saw her experiments on how fabrics burn (literally), viewed her silk creations, then learned to create one ourselves with deconstructed silk ties, crazy piecing, and using muslin instead of paper for perfect flying geese. ZOOM MEETINGS are fantastic. Please ditch your fear of them and take advantage of home sewing, chatting across the globe, and having your computer camera and microphone to keep you connected. This method of quilt skills-acquisition is actually a super cool way to construct a quilt piece with a specialist and students, each with their resources nearby.

This is countdown time for the KOC Quilt Show! **I have a few needs for the kids' corner:** small boxes of crayons, markers, color pencils, construction paper, glue sticks, yarn, and canvas needles (nothing sharp). If you're out and about, and can donate an item or two, please drop them off in the designated bin at our next three meetings. After the show I'll bring any extras to a local elementary school. In the meantime, **upload your show quilts**, and construct your challenge quilt for display at the August meeting. Do engage in our informative and fun summer meeting schedule.

Breathe along with your cotton quilt and summer will be a breeze!

Janet Taylor

Membership News

Welcome Our New Members!

Cathy Sandmann joined QU in May. Welcome to the guild!

July Block of the Month

What better block for July than an American flag with a Friendship star. I could not find this particular block on the internet. It's an easy block, so just follow directions below and have fun.

Cutting the fabric:

From Red

***2 - 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strips

***1 - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip

From White

***5 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares

***1 - 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strip

***2 - 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips

From Blue

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



Assemble the Block:

1. Sew 1 white 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" on either side of the red 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip. Sew 2 red 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strips on either side of white 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip.
2. Place one white and one blue 2 1/2" square together and sew on the diagonal. Press open to have one blue and white half square triangles. Make 4 units.
3. Refer to picture above for sewing placement. Block should measure 12 1/2".

Teresa Bostwick

June Program

Grace B Robinson has agreed to speak to us at our June QU meeting. She is the Executive Director of the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum in Quincy, Florida. She'll speak to us about their exhibits, and the SAQA (Studio Arts Quilt Associates) show they are hosting this fall.



Challenge Quilt

Copies of the 2024 Challenge Quilt rules are still available. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE ONE! 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.

ALL Challenge Quilts MUST have an entry form submitted by July 31.

<https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/enter-quilt/#EntryForm> Complete the form and under Category, select: Challenge Quilt. Remember to submit a photograph (mostly for identification purposes)

Challenge Quilt Viewing and Voting will be before the QU Meeting on August 8 from 6-6:30 p.m. Please bring your completed quilt to the Meeting room BETWEEN 5:30 AND 6 P.M.. Karen Kunz and Carol Eskola will take them from you. This meeting is also 1 of 2 times for the September show quilt turn in, so come early and drop off your Challenge Quilt. Your Challenge Quilt will be returned to you after the meeting (8:15-8:30) so you can turn it in for the annual show.

Pam Doffek

Quilters Unlimited Lapel Pins

The new Quilters Unlimited lapel pins are available. Stop by the Membership table and get yours for only \$5 each. Cash and checks will be accepted (exact change if possible).

Show your Quilters Unlimited pride with our new QU pin. Pins available while supplies last.

If you have any questions, please call or email Kerry Cohen.

CALLING ALL BUTTONS-WE NEED YOU

My team and I will be hosting QUILTO at the annual show on Sunday, September 1. We need many, many buttons to cover the spaces on the playing cards. So, bring me your orphan/excess buttons (< 3/4"). They can be singles, or multiples; any color(s) are welcome. I'll gather buttons in June and July. You will not get the buttons back after Quilto, I will donate them to LeMoyne Arts for their education programs.

For scale: when we did Quilto at the 2023 LeMoyne Show, I used 7 lbs. of Hersey's kisses (3 mega bags from Sam's) and all the paperclips LeMoyne had and still needed more playing pieces. There were 30 people playing....we expect many more for the Show's session.

Pam Doffek



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.

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

At our 2024 Quilt Show, we would like to offer 10 different baskets. So far I have a commitment for 3 baskets, so I need 7 more. This is a great opportunity for a Sit and Stitch group to put together a basket.

Some suggestions for baskets are the following:

- Wine and Chocolate
- Movie Night (popcorn/candy/drinks, etc.)
- Quilter's Dream (assorted quilting items)
- Coffees, Teas and breakfast treats
- Spa Basket

These are only a few suggestions; I trust your imagination to come up with some spectacular baskets!

Please see me at the guild meeting or send me a text (my info is in directory) if you are willing to make a basket.

Thank you again for your support.

Karen Kunz

Kaleidoscope of COLOR

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!

We have covered anticipated expenses with [sponsorships](#)! [If more sponsors sign up we'll be able to increase our publicity budget.] An enormous thank you to Susan Thomson and to all the members who found and/or became sponsors!

SOME MORE THINGS WE CAN DO

- Be sure to help publicize the show however Tara Goodman asks us
- Keep those items coming in for Silent Auction, Baskets, Boutique, and Kids' Activities
- Think about giving a demo — maybe a "Bed Turning" show by a Sit-n-Stitch?
- Invite [vendors](#) you see at other events to consider our show

BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL: [ENTER YOUR QUILTS!!!!!!](#)

→→→→→→→→→→→ENTRY HELP IS ON THE WAY!←←←←←←←←←←←

If the online entry process is a little too techie for you, **Loui Tope** and **Michele Hackmeyer** have agreed to help you get it done. You can download and print a paper entry form here: <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Paper-entry-form-2024-Annual-Quilt-Show.pdf>, fill it out, and bring it to the guild meeting in June or July.

And if you can't download and print, there will be some printed forms at the June meeting.

Note: Your quilt doesn't have to be finished to enter it — just far enough along to get a good idea of its dimensions. The photo is for identification, not for publication. Photos can be taken at guild meetings.

IF YOU JUST CAN'T WAIT...

Here's a link to a graphic you can post on social media:

<https://www.quilttallahassee.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/QU-member-graphic-for-social-media-posts.png>

Sue Isaac

QU Show TEAM Boutique Update

Thank you to those who created amazing items and turned them in at the guild meetings. You have exceeded our expectations! Remember completed kits are due at the JULY QU Meeting. Please get with Dawn to make arrangements to get the completed items to her if you are NOT able to attend the meeting.

HOW CAN YOU HELP!

- **Clearing out your closets? 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 are very simple kits* which include all fabric, materials and pattern. Only need to supply thread and your time. Expand your horizon - learn something new - get ideas for gifts! 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 <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/qu24show-donate/>

***Only a FEW Remaining Kits available:** * 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 have worked very hard in producing the kits and creating wonderful items that will be for sale: Ann Gaber, Deborah Kelly, Shellie Johnson, Andrea Fenn and Ellen Fournier, members of Frayed Edges and Linda Patton.

Thanks, Dawn Griffin

A Sampling of Boutique Items



QU Show Silent Auction

It is hard to believe we are already in June. The deadline for submitting Silent Auction items is quickly approaching. I will need to have all your Silent Auction items no later than July 31 in order to be able to list them appropriately and set up the bidding process. If you can get items to me well before that deadline, I would sincerely appreciate it. We are in need of more items to represent a good display of our fine craft and your expertise. The public deserves to bid and enjoy all our auction items. I cannot wait to meet up with you and gather your items. Thanks again for all your support.

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



Quilts of Valor

Richard D. Prentiss

On May 1, 2024, Richard D. Prentiss was awarded a Quilt Of Valor at Lake City VA Medical Center. Mr. Prentiss is a Chaplain there and served over 30 years in the military. He was an E4 in the US Army and later a Lt. Commander in the US Navy. He served in Viet Nam and Bosnia.

His quilt was made by Roberta G. and Jeanne B. and quilted by Susan S.



Stephen Hammond

On May 8, 2024, Retired US Army Colonel Steven Hammond was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Tallahassee. Colonel Hammond served 25 years active duty and has been very involved in the West Point Society of Tallahassee for many years. His wife Marilyn appears in the photo with him. His quilt was made and quilted by Wendy A.



QU New Members Party

A gathering to celebrate our newest members is taking place at the Lake Jackson Community Center on Thursday, June 27 at 6 PM. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

Please bring your favorite (available) quilt for a brief show and tell, as we get to know more about each other and the guild.

The guild is a wonderful resource for quilting knowledge and skills, as well as a treasure trove of personalities and a source of support for the local community.

Please RSVP to Jeanne Brenner if you plan to attend.



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 **June 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.	
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

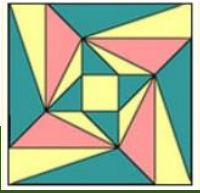
2024 OFFICERS	
President	Janet Taylor
President-Elect (Vice President)	TBA
Treasurer	Peggy Clark, Rachel Smith
Membership Vice-President	Kerry Cohan
Secretary	Cheryl Fontenot
Immediate Past President	Peggy Clark
2024 Committee and Activity Chairpersons	
Annual Capital City Quilt Show 2024:	
~ Chair	Sue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

Quilt Frame. Contact Evelyn Gonzalez, 850-942-7665.

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.