



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

President's Message – Camp Women by Janet Taylor, President

We are halfway through 2024, now preparing for Independence Day celebrations and reflections. We will be welcoming Roberta Granville to speak at our July Guild meeting on the Quilt of Valor endeavor in Tallahassee and beyond. Having been touched by war in the armed forces, the Quilt of Valor recipients enjoy a beautiful quilt to honor their service and provide comfort. We're looking forward to Roberta's presentation!

From the book by Nancy K. Loane, [Following the Drum: Women at the Valley Forge Encampment](#)¹, I discovered a forgotten assortment of women who spent the winter of 1777-1778 with the Continental Army at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. These 400 or so hailed from all levels of society, but the ones most unnoticed were poor, often dirty, who worked as washers, cooks, nurses, or seamstresses. Their stories are amazing, heartwarming, and heart-wrenching. They were unbelievably invaluable and vital to survival in that harsh winter's encampment. Another bit of interest I found online was reading General Washington's numerous requests for blankets, blankets, blankets, the very cover needed for warmth and survival during that prolonged war. Recommendation: search out the stories written about the women of Valley Forge!



So what does that have to do with us? We're 247 years away from that winter, drawing closer to the semi quincentennial celebration of the United States, July 4, 2026. How are we related to those "camp women"? Well, we all sew. Had General Washington's blanket request reached us, we would have woven and sewn our hearts out. A camp woman would meet that need. The 1777 girls seemed to have shown up, some with their husbands, or because there was a demand in that "sprawling, noisy, smelly hut city," following a drum. The drum we follow is a humming sewing machine, a hopefully hidden hand-stitch, knowing the object of our work may not know who we are, or why we sew. We follow the same beat that drove the Valley Forge women to give their lives to a cause greater than themselves.

So this year as we remember Tallahassee's 200th birthday, blast fireworks on July 4th, think on a quilt or challenge to complete, let us pay a tribute to the unnamed women who followed the drum of freedom and liberty for a country who reaps from their extraordinary courage.

1 Loane, Nancy K. [Following the Drum. Women at the Valley Forge Encampment](#). Potomac Books, 2009.

Membership News

Welcome Our New Members!

Welcome our newest members to QU: Catherine Black, Dr Joe Ann Hinrichs and Cindy Young.

August Block of the Month – Broken Wheel

Block can be found at:

[Broken Wheel \(quilterscache.com\)](http://quilterscache.com)

Cut the Fabric:

From Red:

***5 - 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" squares (one is center of block)

From Blue:

***16 - 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares

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

From White:

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

Assemble the block:

1. Sew on long side, one blue and one white rectangle together. Make 4 units.
2. Place on each corner of the red 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" square a blue 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" square, then sew on diagonal. Block should look like a square in a square. Make 4 units.
3. Refer to picture above and sew in rows. Block should measure 12 1/2".

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Teresa Bostwick



Opportunity Quilt – Tickets – Tickets – Tickets!

Get your tickets NOW!

Opportunity Quilt Tickets are available for a mere \$5 for three or if you think "one is all it takes to win", you can purchase one for \$2. Peggy Clark will have these for sale at the Guild meeting for you to purchase or to sign out some to sell your friends and family. Your Sit and Stitch is a great place for making sure everyone has a chance to buy some tickets.

You gotta buy one to win!

Peggy Clark

It's Getting Close to Showtime!

Things are getting real! With just two months until the August 31 opening of the show, the “get-around-to-its” have arrived. With everyone’s participation, it will be great! Please contact Sue Isaac if you have any questions.

PRE-SHOW TIMELINE

Now – August 30 **HELP ADVERTISE THE SHOW!**

SHARE posts about it to your own social media. (*Make sure you’re following our FB page so you’ll see them!*)

INVITE your friends to see the show with you.

ASK local businesses to display a flyer or poster (they will be available at the Guild meeting on July 11).

Now – July 31 **ENTER your show quilts AND your Challenge quilts!**

ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 31

They don’t have to be finished. The photo will be used to plan the placement of your quilts in the display, not for publication. Measurements should be pretty accurate, but if it turns out smaller after quilting, it will still fit!

Now – July 31 **FINISH SILENT-AUCTION ITEMS** and turn them in at the July Guild meeting or get them to Marty O’Neill.

August 8 **QUILT DROP OFF** at Temple Israel between 5:30 and 6:00.
Remember your pillowcase.

August 8 **CHALLENGE QUILT REVEAL AND VOTING.**
Remember your pillowcase so you can turn it in for the show at the end of the Guild meeting.

August 8 **FINISH BOUTIQUE ITEMS** and turn them in at the Guild meeting or contact Dawn Griffin to make other arrangements.

Now – August 24 **FINISH BASKETS** and get them to Karen Kunz

August 24 **LAST CHANCE QUILT DROP OFF** at Ann Gaber’s house 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Remember your pillowcase.

QUILT SHOW
 **Kaleidoscope of COLOR**
#QU24show *Quilters Unlimited*

Saturday–Sunday–Monday

Aug. 31–Sept. 2



10 – 6



QU Show TEAM Boutique Update - July

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

When I made a shout out to membership for “strippers” last month to be used to create a decorative banner – boy did the strips come flying!

Remember completed kits are due at the JULY / AUGUST QU Meetings. Please get with Dawn to make arrangements to get the completed items to her if you are NOT able to attend the meetings.



We are in need of:

- **Gift bags (all sizes)**
- **Plastic or wooden clothes pens**
- **White sheets (Queen/King sizes we can borrow)**
- **Decorative baskets (that we can borrow)**

NOTE: Please bring either to the meeting or arrange with Dawn for pickup - remember to put your name on the item so they can be returned.

We will be selling any items not sold at the show at the September QU meeting.

Special shout out to the Bodacious Boutique Team Members who have worked very hard since January producing the kits and creating wonderful items: Ann Gaber, Deborah Kelly, Shellie Johnson, Andrea Fenn and Ellen Fournier, all members of Frayed Edges, particularly Linda O’Sullivan, Susan Wallace and Linda Patton. What a team. Huge Hug!

Dawn Griffin





QU Show Silent Auction

Please submit all your *Silent Auction* items no later than **July 31**. I am accepting items at the Guild meeting but if that is not convenient, please feel free to contact me via email at stichnmo@aol.com or by cell at 850-345-1530. I really need you to provide the name of the person who pieced and/or quilted the item including the year completed so I can give credit to the individual(s) when I post the item for viewing. It is important to have the size listed also. We want to be able to get a sense of what the item is worth in materials and labor so if you could provide a minimum bid that would be helpful to me. You will get an item back at the end of the show if the minimum for it is not met by a bidder.

I have a good selection of items but **can always use more** to show off our Guild expertise.

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.

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 **July 27, 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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Guild Calendar	
2024	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
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

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

~ 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

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.			