



# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: August 8, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

## *President's Message – La Costurería – the Sewing Room*

First of all, a huge and grand THANK YOU for everyone's efforts to create, organize, craft, and sew for the upcoming Kaleidoscope of Color Quilt Show. It is indeed SHOWTIME and this month's countdown will result in a fantastic three days of exhibits, shopping, demonstrations, auctioning, viewing, and fellowship of our Tallahassee Guild. It's going to be a beautiful exhibition of much talent, time, work, and color, Color, COLOR. Much gratitude to all participants, committees, sponsors, vendors, and promoters. I cannot wait. In addition, the Challenge Quilts will be on display this month's August 8 meeting. We have had a highly productive year so far.

Allow me to share my recent week in El Salvador. I went with a church team for student activities, musical skits in area communities, and encouragement. Our location was by a lake in the caldera Coatepeque, surrounded by the mountain. It was hilly, difficult, beautiful, but extremely hot. The Salvadorans manage it well, but I did not. After one day out in the bus-oven, visiting a school and chatting with students and teacher, I knew it was time to stay behind. What to do? I heard that on the organization's compound, there was a sewing room. I bee-lined to find it. How is it that sew-girls find each other?

I met Estela, a seamstress who has two diplomas in tailoring. She was making and stuffing puppet arms, and I asked her if I could help. She was delighted and immediately put me to work on cutting and making colorful pillowcases for teams who spend a week in El Salvador on a mission trip. We shared our lives, hers the gorgeous wedding dresses she makes, and me our quilts and website. She saw and loved the many items we make to give away. She begged me to come back the next day, which I did, and to please return there with a teaching quilting event. I could only wish to do that.

They need more pillowcases and I hope to make more here to send on down in the future. (They have hundreds of bunk beds in the dorms.) While I could not be with our students in the towns they visited, my personal miracle was to help the camp sewist. She made a pile of puppet arms, and I made a pile of pillowcases (sobre-almohadas). I sat at a serger with a fan, or stood cutting with scissors, thankful that I could participate instead of becoming a heat-stroked anciana! So here is another example where sewing saves a señora, and a pillowcase soothes a sleeper! What cross-cultural serendipity.

May your August be cool, safe, and productive! Never underestimate your talent to bless others from the work of your hands.

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Estela and I were "sew sisters" in El Salvador.



When you can't stand the heat, find la costurería!

Janet Taylor, President

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## Membership News

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

Please welcome to the guild: Terrie Benedict, Mary DeHoff, Anne DeVall, Christy England, Jeanne Gilroy, Tanya Peres Lemons and Miranda Siegerdt.

Keep telling everyone about Quilters Unlimited! — Kerry Cohen

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### **And a good time was had by all... I hope.**

Both new and old members of QU gathered at the Jackson Community Center to share quilts and stories last month.

There was a buzz in the air as people met and learned new names and faces. Oohs and aahs were heard as many beautiful quilts were shown.

Thank you to everyone who came and those who brought food to share. It was a delicious and satisfying evening. --- Jeanne Brenner

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### **November Program – Lap Quilts**

At November's Guild meeting we will collect 40 inch by 40 inch lap quilts. These may be any color and any pattern. Red, white, and blue quilts will go to VA nursing homes for veterans in wheelchairs. All other colors will be delivered to Shands Hospital or other children's Hospitals for their patients in wheelchairs. – Roberta Granville

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## September Block of the Month – Borrow and Lend

Block can be located at:

[Borrow and Lend \(quilterscache.com\)](http://BorrowandLend(quilterscache.com))

Cut the Fabric

From Red:

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

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

From Blue:

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

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

From solid White:

\*\*\*4 - 2 1/2" x @ 1/2" squares

From Cream:

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



Assemble the block.

1. Sew diagonally one red 2 1/2" square to one cream 2 1/2" square. Make 8 units.
2. Sew diagonally one blue 2 1/2" square to one cream 2 1/2" square. Make 8 units.
3. Referring to picture above, sew 2 red/cream squares to white square. Make 4 units. Be sure to pay attention to placement of diagonal seam line.
4. Referring to picture above, sew 2 blue/cream squares to white square. Make 4 units. Be sure to pay attention to placement of diagonal seam line.
5. Refer to picture above for placement. One red up, one blue sideways. Block should measure 12 1/2" square.

Happy sewing!

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Teresa B

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## “Philanthropy Place”

by

Evelyn J. Gonzalez

& Marion Millet



In July, Philanthropy completed:

32 Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilts

2 Big Bend Hospice quilts

*Thank you all for helping us keep our community well covered in quilts!*

Philanthropy is continuing to offer free, miscellaneous fabrics at every meeting on our “Free to a Good Home” table. And there’s no Philanthropic commitment! You decide whether you sew for QU Philanthropy or someone/something else.

At one of last month’s Bits & Pieces Sit-n-Stitch meetings, we introduced our “Quilt as You Go” (QAYG) kits to members who’d never quilted this fun, fast way before. And the enthusiasm was catching! Many members worked on kits that afternoon and others took a kit or two home to work on.

Our QAYG kits are fun! In each kit you’ll find:

1. Printed directions
2. #1 Roll of QAYG strips of varying length & width starting with “Center Strip”
3. #2 Roll of QAYG strips of varying length & width starting with “Place Next to Center Strip”
4. Main fabric (fleece or flannel)
5. #3 roll 2-1/2” binding strips
6. Border fabric (only if main fabric <50”)

We have so many of these kits ready for you to take home and quilt! Please stop by the Philanthropy table at the August meeting and see if there’s a QAYG kit or two for you.

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## Quilt Show Opening Reception – Yummies Needed!



This is a request of the QU membership to bring a favorite appetizer to the Opening Reception for the 2024 QU Show on Saturday, August 31. The reception will be held immediately after the closing of the first day of the show, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We will have the opportunity to thank our wonderful sponsors in person. Please mingle and let them know we appreciate their interest and support which has made this year’s show possible. ---Ann Gaber

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## Quilts of Valor News

In the Spring of 2024, Quilts of Valor were awarded to five World War II Veterans who currently reside in Sims Veterans home near Panama City, FL. These Veterans represented the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The quilts were much admired and appreciated both by the recipients and staff.

Many thanks to Wendy A. who made and quilted one of these and quilted three others. Peggy C , Jeanne B, and Margaret P. Each made one, and Nancy T. made and quilted another.

It's amazing how tears and smiles mix when Quilts of Valor are awarded.

At the July 11th Quilters Unlimited monthly meeting, two Quilts of Valor were awarded. John Conlin was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force and served in Viet Nam. His quilt was made by Roberta G. and quilted by Susan S. Harold E. Walters retired as Chief Warrant Officer 4 from the Coast Guard, and he also served in Viet Nam. His quilt was made and quilted by Nancy Teeger.

A number of family members and other veterans were in attendance. These included Mr. Conlin's wife, Cheryl Walters, daughter of Harold Walters and a 30-year veteran herself, her daughter Jennifer, and a friend, David Wilson, who served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Former recipients of Quilts of Valor who attended were Retired U.S Air Force General William Webb and his wife, Bob Asztalos the Deputy Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and retired U.S. Navy Commander and Chairman of the Florida Veterans Foundation Dennis Baker who was the program speaker. Many thanks to all whose presence emphasized the importance of recognizing and honoring our veterans. Thanks also to all who make and quilt the quilts we award.

Roberta Granville

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## 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award

It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited for the Volunteer of the Year Award. This award gives us a chance to say "Thank You" to an active member for generously contributing time and expertise to Quilters Unlimited.

The Entry Form has contact information and three sections to describe the nominee:

1. Examples of initiative and/or assuming responsibility & leadership in guild activities
2. Willingness to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs
3. Examples of encouraging member participation in guild-related, community activities

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

### **4. Committee Procedures for Nomination**

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- 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.
  - e) The current President is not eligible for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

**6. Volunteer of the Year Award Criteria.**

- a) The Volunteer of the Year 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; shows initiative and/or assumes responsibility and leadership; is willing to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs; stimulates participation in guild activities and community-related activities; and gives unselfishly of their time and effort for the benefit of the guild.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as officer or committee chairperson and demonstrates areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other).
- c) The Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than October 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Nomination forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are online at:

<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>

The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper. The form must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.

Nomination Forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are due by October 1.

Contact Janet Hughes with questions about submitting nominations.

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## Make Sure Your Friends and Neighbors Know About Our Fabulous Show!

I'm writing this seven days before the entry deadline. There are currently 144 entries. You all are coming through big time and I'm getting excited — that 200 number is looking realistic! And 108 of 178 volunteer shifts have been claimed. If you haven't signed up for all of yours yet, now is the time and here's the link:

<https://signup.com/go/yWbacGh>

The quilts I'm seeing are gorgeous and bold and subtle and comforting and surprising and even funny. They're traditional and modern. They're monochromatic and rainbow. They're huge and quite small and every size in between. It's going to be a true



So what's left to be done? **Promote this fabulous show!**

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- Invite your friends!
  - Share about it on social media!
  - Drop off flyers that you get at the August guild meeting at any location that will take one!
  - Whatever you can think of!

Tara Goodman is doing a great job with the formal marketing stuff.

**But word-of-mouth is always the best advertising! ---Sue Isaac**

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## QU Show Silent Auction

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who submitted items for the Silent Auction. As I mentioned in the July meeting, all of the items are beautiful and well deserving of high price bids. Don't be surprised to see my name and bid on several items as I can't resist the urge to purchase such spectacular specimens of creative work. I am assembling and grouping the items for placement on the website for the online auction. My plan is to have the items placed in a respective category (full quilts, lap quilts, youth quilts, crib quilts, wall hangings, purses, and table items) with a picture or pictures and a narrative to describe the item. I am hopeful I will be able to have a period of time for you to review what I wrote up about your item in case you see a need for some "editorial" advice. I will let you know if I am able to have a "preview" time before the auction is open to the public. I am still working on those logistics for a "preview" option. Post "preview", the plan is to have the QR code and website open to the public by August 20. This will allow people to bid on items before the actual show opens. Of course, I encourage people to come to the fair to actually see the quilts or items you want to bid on but if all else fails the online option is always available.

I am unable to attend the August meeting, so if you have a last-minute item, please contact me via email at [stichnmo@aol.com](mailto:stichnmo@aol.com) or by cell at 850-345-1530 to arrange a pick up. 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 for what the item is worth in materials and labor so if you could provide a minimum bid that would be helpful to me. Successful bidders will pick up their item at the end of the quilt show Monday or Tuesday at the latest. You will get an item back at the end of the show if the minimum for it is not met by a bidder. I highly doubt that will occur as each and every item is well worth several if not hundreds of bids.

Marty O'Neill

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## QU Show TEAM Boutique Update - August

**Reminder: All remaining completed kits are due at the AUGUST 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. We will be selling any items not sold at the show at the September QU meeting.



**Special shout out to all of YOU who helped in creating the amazing items for the boutique.** What an awesome team effort. Huge Hug!

Dawn Griffin

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## Sharing News of the Show

Share the news about our upcoming show! It's "go" time for convincing our friends, family and community to show up for the quilt show.

Please do the following if you are on social media:

1. Share all upcoming posts on the Facebook page - Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee.
2. Share all posts on the Instagram page - Quilt Tallahassee

If you have family and friends on social media, you can ask them to share as well.

Other things you can do:

1. Share information with any other membership group to which you belong.
  2. Pick up a flyer at the August 8 meeting and put it up at work, church or other public places. --- Tara Goodman
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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

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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **August 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.

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## 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.

Follow and “Like” Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee

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



| Guild Calendar  |  |
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| 2024  | What/Where                               |
| Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted. |  |
| August 8  | Guild Meeting                            |
| August 22   | Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Main Library |
| Aug 31-Sep 2  | 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                            |                               |
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| 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                   |
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| 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 |

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| 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   |

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| ~ 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                  |

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| 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.

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