



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: September 12, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message – A Newsletter of Notes

The timing of this newsletter is the very weekend of our winsome produced Kaleidoscope of Color Quilt Show. I have no doubt the Fairgrounds are hopping with quilt enthusiasts and amazing creators and creations. Congratulations on the culmination of a full year's planning. So many have worked to make this show a success and the fruit of our labor is finally on display!

Here are some very important needs, notes, items of super-interest. How many can you check off?

1. Next and all future meetings: Wear Your Nametag! We now have 151 members and need to know who we are! Have extra time? Make a few name-tags and leave at the membership table.
2. Read the Newsletter. There's a ton of information and something for everyone. Being in a guild means philanthropy as well as interest and learning new skills.
3. Check your times for your Volunteer Hours at the KOC Show and ENJOY.
4. Pick up your show quilt on Tuesday morning at the Fairgrounds, 10 am to 2 pm.
5. The FIELD TRIP is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, to the Levy County Quilt Museum; lunch (not included) is at a local fish joint; and a visit to the Busy Bobbin in Chiefland, Florida. Cost is \$60 and there are seats available. Bring a friend. Sign up next meeting and bring a check written to QU, which will be held until the trip is confirmed.
6. LAP QUILTS for Veterans and Shands (40 x 40) are due at the November meeting. During our August meeting, we heard a request for quilts to be sent to Israeli refugees currently living away from their homes in Israel. These may be turned in the next two meetings for a special air delivery.
7. Please be thinking of what position you'd like to take for next year! A nominating committee will SOON be formed and replacements are needed for elected positions and committee chairs.
8. Finally, take time to SEW. "A good day is a day spent quilting."
"My soul is fed by needle and thread." Don't get so busy or wilted that you let your love of this craft gather dust. Dust is not your hobby. Quilting is!

See you at the Show!

Janet Taylor, President

Membership News

Welcome Our New Members!

Welcome to our new members: Barbara Brandt, Pamela Mallard, Claudia Montany, Nancy Mould, and Kathleen Smith

Kerry Cohen

October Block of the Month – Road to Oklahoma

Block location: [Road to Oklahoma \(quilterscache.com\)](http://quilterscache.com)

Cutting the Fabric

From Red:

***2 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares

***2 - 3 7/8" squares, cut once on diagonal

From White:

***6 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares

***2 - 3 7/8" x 3 7/8" squares, cut once on diagonal

From Blue:

***4 - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" squares



Assemble the block.

1. Sew one white triangle and one red triangle together, making half square triangles. Make 4 units.

2. Referring to picture above, sew in rows. Block should measure 12 1/2" square.

Teresa B

Upcoming Free Class

Free! Yes, it will be a free class! Wahoo! Saturday, November 9, at 9:00 we will begin at Transformation Church. The class will be making napkins and coasters/rug mugs. Sign up quickly as there is a limited amount of people for the space we will have. Let me know that you will be attending, at the next guild meeting or via email, at: MIZC580@yahoo.com.

Peggy Clark

“Philanthropy Place”

by

Evelyn J. Gonzalez

& Marion Millet



In August, Philanthropy completed:
20 Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilts
5 Big Bend Hospice quilts

Thank you all for your wonderful contributions to QU Philanthropy!

Philanthropy is continuing to offer free 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.

Also available at every meeting: QAYG (Quilt as You Go) kits already cut for your quilting pleasure – please stop by the Philanthropy table and pick up a kit or two! QAYG is a quick quilting method that has resulted in TONS of lovely quilts for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace.”

Quilts of Valor News

Retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Gerald A. Key was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on August 10, 2024. He served 28 years in the military and earned numerous awards and medals including the Able Aeronaut Award and 14 Air Medals. While in Vietnam he was able to rescue a downed helicopter crew and other troops.

He is shown with his wife, Janeen, holding his Quilt of Valor which was made by Linda O. and Roberta G. and quilted by Susan S.



Captain Charles J. Roscian retired from the Navy after serving 43 years. A Navy Corpsman, he treated over 100 combat casualties while in Vietnam. On one of his medical missions his jeep was blown up and he was thrown into a ditch. A Vietcong claymore detonated, and Captain Roscian was wounded but able to return to work in one week. Among his medals is a Purple Heart. He was awarded his quilt at his home on August 10, 2024. His quilt was made and quilted by Margaret P. (See picture, next page.)



Kaleidoscope of Color

Kaleidoscope of Color may be happening even as you are reading this. If you haven't been to it yet, don't miss it! If you have been, grab a different friend and see it again. See you there!

I'm writing this message a week before it opens. But I'm hopeful that we really are going to pull off this crazy-big annual quilt show. So let's plan to celebrate our success at the September 12 guild meeting! There will be ribbons and there will be snacks!

The most important thing there will be is gratitude for all the time and effort so many, many of you have given to the show. Please know that I'm a bit overwhelmed right now and afraid I'll forget to acknowledge someone's contribution. **It ALL mattered!** The logo you designed. Every quilt you entered in the show. Every quilt or boutique or silent-auction item you sewed. Every friend you told about the show. Every volunteer shift you fulfilled, including the ones that left you with sore muscles the next day. Every time you shared on social media. The food you brought to the opening reception. The vendors you helped find. The sponsors you asked to donate. The funds you donated as sponsors. The way-more-than-usual financial record keeping. The baskets you put together and donated. The work so many did on the Opportunity Quilt more than a year ago. Having patience while we didn't have all the answers. Putting yourself out there to give a demonstration despite butterflies in the stomach. The show ribbons you made. The volunteer badges you put together. The cut-and-fold-600-programs work. The Challenge designed and fulfilled. The art supplies you donated. The A/V setup you improvised. The ladders you lent. The music you played. The flyers and bookmarks you handed out. The things you did so quietly without any expectation of acknowledgment. Thank you all for believing in the vision of a great big show! Give yourself a pat on the back, a round of applause, or both!

And this doesn't even mention that the members of the show committee did those things plus research and planning and site visits and sitting through loooooong meetings and you name it — all of which were steps outside their comfort zones. The committee went above and beyond in every direction, time after time. It was an honor to serve with Karen Kunz, Susan Thomson, Janet Taylor, Ann Gaber, Dawn Griffin, Peggy Allen, Marty O'Neill, and Tara Goodman. If I am still sane, they are the reason.

Your grateful chair, Sue Isaac

THANK YOU!

Boutique Update!

***Selling items not sold at the quilt 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, Linda O'Sullivan, Susan Wallace, Wendy Adams, Evelyn Gonzalez and Linda Patton.

So many of you stepped up and created/donated items for the show and responded to my requests. I am deeply grateful for all the support you provided.

What a huge team we have in QU.

Dawn Griffin

(Yikes, there are only 103 days before Christmas!)



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**

- 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.



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

Upcoming Shows and Events

Love of Quilting at a Discount

Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* is being offered at a special subscription rate for our guild. LOQ is the beloved magazine and television show that takes a deep dive into traditional quilt designs. This is a unique offer that you will not find anywhere else. Click here to [Subscribe](#) for only \$15—a savings of 75% off the cover price. Access skill-building lessons, enjoy a year of fresh patterns, and get inspiration from other quilters, guilds, and makers who share your love for this craft. If you can't use the online subscription link above, please call 847-305-4536 and mention promo code N4GQTRUL.

Event: "Great Jelly Roll Bash"

A live Zoom event is being presented on September 21, 2024, by "Brown Bird Designs". Buy their 2024 Pattern Bundle and get 5 different patterns from 5 designers and the ticket to the Zoom Live 4-hour Event. You will have the opportunity to win somewhere around 20 prizes. With games, hourly drawing, show and tell, sewing and more... where else would you want to spend Jelly Roll Day. Click the link for full details. [Great Jelly Roll Bash Plus Giveaway - brownbirddesigns](#)

Vero Beach Biennial Quilt Show

February 7-8, 2025. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm each day.

25 vendors. \$10 admission.

<https://www.verobeachqg.com/>

Indian River County Fairgrounds & Expo Center, 7955 58th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967

Emerald Coast Quilt Show (Ft. Walton Beach, FL)

Flying Needles Quilt Guild of Niceville, Florida

[Show Info \(flyingneedlesquiltguild.org\)](http://flyingneedlesquiltguild.org)

March 7 – 8, 2025 Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-4pm

Admission: 1 Day \$10.00 2 Days \$15.00

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

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.			