



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: **October 17, 2024, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting***

President's Message – Once Upon a Time

By the time you are reading this, I trust that the recent hurricane's effect on your hearth and home, extended family and four leggers, is one for the history books, with minimal damage and zero devastation. Nevertheless, the warnings of last week were insane and I'm grateful Tallahassee was spared once again. Once upon a time...It was a dark and stormy night. This is the first line of A Wrinkle in Time. It certainly felt like a time warp, and we have lived through plenty!

The McCall's Quilting Magazine of Jan/Feb 2024 was an interesting "Literary Love-themed" issue, exploring reading, writing, and quilting. Presented were quilt fiction authors of books combining quilting and storytelling. However, this month's QU message isn't about published books. There is a story about every quilt, just as the Kaleidoscope of Color Quilt Show exhibited them with their posted stories. Quilts do talk. Didn't you imagine and wonder how and why pieces, strips, blocks, thread, quilting and presentation exploded in meaning? There was nearly every theme under the sun. They bellowed, "Read me, marvel, amaze, and surprise at the story of my beginnings, and here I am!"

Which leads me to this: What do you do while working on your project? What inspires you from concept to completion? Is your goal helped by an assist? One friend listens to old baseball games. I love the radio and online podcasts. Some enjoy music, the television, old movie repeats, or simple solitude while sewing. The story of that project is evolving as the machine, or your hands, connects fabric from your choice, from vistas in a story you lived or created. Your quilts have characters, setting, plot, time, scenes, a few rules and a whole lot of drama and love. Good reading is hard writing. Good quilting is hard pressing! You edit quilts like a storyteller.

As we head into this Autumn, may your "Once Upon a Time" quilt endeavors be inspired as ever. Fiction or non-fiction, surreal or real, your project will reflect a narrative you experienced, now placed in a sandwich of fabric and personal fame. Maybe you have an impossible dream, a quilt for the ages, or a UFO to finish? Then here's your quilting prompt. Finish this phrase: Once upon a time, there was a quilt to be ..."

I can't wait for the Show and Tells!

Janet Taylor, President

Membership News

Welcome Our New Members!

We keep adding new members to the guild, yay! QU is now 159 members strong.

Please welcome our newest members to the guild: Barbara Ward, Desiree Cureton, Betsy Spice, Ila Waite-Burns, Kristine Dougherty, Margaret Ann Pichard and Mickie Johnson.

Kerry Cohen

November Block of the Month – Snowball Block

Hello Quilters.

This is our last block for the year. It's a simple snowball or connector block. Let's see if we can contribute to a Quilt of Valor.

Instructions:

- 1 12.5 inch square. Color of your choice (red, white or blue).
- 4 4.5 squares of contrasting color.



Lay one 4.5 sq in each corner of the large square. Sew on the diagonal and press back. Your block should look similar to the picture above.

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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/mug rugs. 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 September, Philanthropy completed:

23 Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilts

Thank you all for your wonderful contributions to QU Philanthropy!

Free, pre-cut QAYG quilt kits are available to go home with you at every QU meeting.

You may also pick up free fabric at our “free to a good home” table at the QU meetings. No commitment required – you may use your freebies for a philanthropy project or anything else you’d like to make.

Quilts of Valor News

On August 25, 2024, Thomas Ryder Park was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Tallahassee. Mr. Park was a Captain 03 In the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Viet Nam. Scheduled to take part in Ho Chi Min Trail mission, Park’s ship was in Hong Kong Harbor when it was rammed and put out of service. Fortunately, the section that was rammed was the ladder well, and only one sailor was injured. Mr. Park served ten plus years and received several ribbons.



His quilt was made and quilted by members of Quilters Unlimited. He is shown with his wife Susan.



Randall B. Neil was also awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on August 25, 2024. Mr. Neil was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was an Army supply officer charged with delivery of vital goods to numerous villages in Viet Nam. He received numerous

medals including the Bronze Star.

His quilt was made by Members of Quilters Unlimited and quilted by Susan S.



On August 22, 2024, Randolph Smith was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Tallahassee. Randy was in the US Navy and served in Viet Nam. He received several medals for valor and two Bronze Stars.

He is shown with his wife Shelia. His quilt was made by Roberta G. and Linda O. and quilted by Susan S.



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

2025 Quilt Exhibit at LeMoyne Arts

As Of: September 24, 2024

Pam Doffek & Karen Kunz, co-chairs

1. LeMoyne has invited Quilters Unlimited back for an exhibit in 2025!! Here are the preliminary details. More in upcoming months.
 - a. DATES: August 21- September 20, 2025
 - b. Opening Reception: Thursday August 21, 5-7:30 pm. QU members attend for free.
 - c. Muffins, Mimosas and QUILTO: Saturday August 23, 11-12:30
 - d. Artist/Gallery Talk: Thursday September 4, 6-7:30 pm. Sue Isaac- "Modern Quilts."
2. Karen and I need Chairpersons for the following functions. Please contact either of us SOON
 - a. Opportunity Quilt Coordinator: Order donation tickets, schlep the quilt around the area, monitor ticket distribution. Possibly make donation ticket deposits (hopefully not required to pick up funds daily as LeMoyne may allow us to store money in a locked cabinet in the Gallery building.) Promote volunteer sign ups. Sue Isaac will set up the Volunteer signup app. GOOD NEWS: The quilt is completely finished and photographed.
 - b. Gallery Shop Sales Coordinator: Coordinate making and inventory items for sale in the LeMoyne Gallery. Help tag items with LeMoyne inventory tags. Doesn't have to work actual sales.
 - c. People/Sit & Stitch groups to make Silent Auction items. Marty O'Neil is Chair
 - d. Find sponsors for the exhibit. It costs LeMoyne approximately \$2500 to support an exhibit. 100% Gallery Shop Sales, 40% of Silent Auction, and all QUILTO proceeds go to LeMoyne, but it would be good to have a few sponsors. They will get credit in all LeMoyne publicity. Give leads to Pam or Karen who will forward to LeMoyne.
3. Make Quilts (including Challenge Quilts). Highly contemplate having them for sale. Sizes and details next month
4. Updates as they happen!

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **October 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.	
Oct 17	Guild Meeting, Temple Isreal
Nov 7	Steering Committee, 6-8:00, Transformation Church
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

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.			