

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

President's Message – Cloth and Comfort

Every month has its challenges and victories, and December is definitely no less an end of year juggle. Family, home, holidays, unscripted turns of events, all scream for your attention, taking you away from your electric or handmade project. I trust that each of December's early sunset days are filled with calm and creativity, and not just a stint in a three-ring circus!

I'm looking forward to our new slate of officers and coordinators. Thank you to those who have volunteered for the first time, as well as those who are continuing in the guild leader-calling. Carol Eskola managed the newsletter for five years! Thank you Carol for each month's delightful email from the guild. Sue Isaac produced a quilt show that rivaled any Tallahassee opening night! Others have exchanged one chair position for another. You've done years of volunteer hours. Thank you ALL for your 2024 service, and welcome to new opportunities. I cannot wait for 2025's quilt revelations. Our future themes of "Into the Woods" and "Floral Fantasy" are going to be wild.

Since our Kaleidoscope of Color Quilt Show was such a phenom, we have plans to provide teaching opportunities to our membership that won't break the bank. Maybe you have an idea to teach a class? Once you've mastered the art of quilting in all its steps, it might be time to share your insight with new sewers. I've found that young students are highly interested in sewing machines and "making things" for comfort and care. Fabric, cloth, material, batting and thread, scissors and needles are magnets to those overbooked and overloaded by computer screens and online work. I remember a coworker said she was so tired of feeling like the computer was glued to her face. Give those folks some fabric and thread!

I've had such an enjoyable year getting to know you all, loved your terrific attention in meetings, and seeing your smiling faces all across town. Now it's time to listen to December's musical gifts, enjoy dark nights, colder weather, all wrapped in cloth and comfort in celebration of a fabulous 2024. Have an absolutely delicious December, and may the eye of the needle guide you to a very Happy New Year!

Janet Taylor, President



December Program

December party reminder: bring a platter to share; tea and lemonade provided. Meat and dairy items kept separate (not on the same platter); no pork or shellfish.

Block of the Month 2025

For January please become a "QU Stripper".

The first block of the month for the New Year of 2025 will be an 8 and 1/2 inch square that is either sewn



diagonally or straight across, with blue and white strips. You do not need to make all of the strips the same width.



Books with the papers used for foundation will be available in December and January. February will be red and white, and March will be green and white. Sew as many as you want! You don't have to take off the paper on the back or clean up the edges. Just sew ("Strip") and bring to the meeting!

Peggy Clark

And The 2024 Distinguished Quilter Is...

This year there were nominations for two very worthy candidates. The committee consisted of Janet Taylor, Loui Tope and myself. We met over coffee and discussed each candidate at length, and finally decided to present the award to the longest-standing member, one who has been a force in the guild for many years.

As described in the nomination form, this person is an accomplished quilter who continues to take classes to enhance her own knowledge and skills, and generously shares what she has learned by teaching classes for the guild. She has also taught at Georgia Baptist and Toccoa for as many as 150 participants. Her quilts have appeared not only in the guild shows, but also at LeMoyne and Gadsden art centers. On top of her quilting skills, this person has also served the guild in many capacities, including being President twice.

Who is she? If you haven't guessed yet, she is.....

Powerful **Dedicated**
Artistic **Original**
Masterful **Fierce**
 Fearless
 Energetic
 Knowledgeable



Congratulations, Pam Doffek!
Janet Hughes, Awards Chair

2025 Opportunity Quilt Tickets Are Available!

Pick some up, sign out how many and bring back the stubs and money. Easy as we can make it! Sell some while on holiday travel and when friends and family come over!

Pic of "Arabella" is on the QU Website: [Quilt Tallahassee – Promoting Knowledge and Interest in the Art of Quilting Since 1981](http://QuiltTallahassee.com)

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

"Philanthropy Place"
by Your Philanthropy Co-Chairs:
Ann Gabor
Evelyn J. Gonzalez
Marion Millet



A Big Thank You to Our Incredible Philanthropy Volunteers This Holiday Season

As the Christmas and holiday seasons envelop us with warmth and joy, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to QU's incredible volunteers who have labored all year to provide warm quilts for NICU, veterans, Hospice, and the animal shelter. Whether you've cut out kits, made quilt tops and quilt sandwiches, long armed or applied binding, or all of these, your generosity and dedication have made a wonderful impact in our community and beyond, especially those hard hit by Hurricane Milton in North Carolina.

At Christmas we're reminded of the wonderful impact giving, kindness, and selflessness has. Thank you so much for your efforts to support QU Philanthropy this past year. May this festive season bring you as much joy as you've brought to others, and may your New Year be filled with peace, love and fulfillment.

In November, we quilted a total of 35 philanthropic quilts:

Sew for Hope	25	NICU	6
Hospice	4		

Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2025!

Quilts of Valor

On October 30, 2024, Coleman Glover was awarded a Quilt Of Valor at his home in Tallahassee. Mr Glover served 21 years in the United States Army and earned many awards and medals. He left the service as a Sergeant First Class E7, having been trained in numerous areas where his ability was put to good use. His Quilt was made by Cindy Y. and quilted by Lucky G. He is shown with his wife Dolores.



On November 12, 2024 William

Cleveland was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Tallahassee. Most often called "Bill", he entered the United States Marine Corp at age 17, served in VietNam where he earned a Purple Heart and numerous ribbons for his service. Including 21 years in the Reserve, Bill served a total of 27 years and was a Master Gunnery Sergeant when he retired. He is shown with his wife Cathy with the Quilt of Valor made and quilted by Lucky Green.



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 **December 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.	
Dec 12	End of Year Celebration, Temple Israel
Jan 9	Guild Meeting
Jan 16	Steering Committee – 6 pm, LeRoy Collins Library, Henderson Room
Feb 13	Guild Meeting
Mar 13	Guild Meeting

2024 OFFICERS	
President	Janet Taylor
President-Elect (Vice President)	Kerry Cohen
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

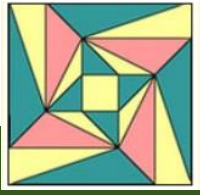
*** Group is currently at maximum capacity.**

PHOTO GALLERY



Attendees at the Holiday Trees class show off their work.





CLASSIFIED ADS

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

Koala Sewing Cabinet and Lily 550 Machine

The Koala Cabinet and Lily 550 sewing machine belonged to my mom, May Riccardo. She was a member of the guild. She passed away 5 years ago. I would like to sell the items as an entire package. The cabinet is a walnut color and is in perfect condition. She took great care of her Husqvarna Lily by having it serviced regularly.

The sale includes the cabinet, table extension, machine case, and of course all of the machine attachments, and manual.

I am asking \$800.00 for everything. Please contact Diane Donahue 850-766-7370 for appointments to see the items.





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.