

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: January 9, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting

President's Message

Happy New Year!! As we ring in 2025, many of you might have created some quilting resolutions. In the past, I have said I was not buying any new fabric, or not starting any new projects or not buying new rulers or gadgets. Or there were a couple years when I said I was cleaning up the sewing room, or not putting anything quilting related on the dining room table. Spoiler alert...all these noble ideas fell through by the end of February, usually earlier. Reports show that most people quit their New Year's resolutions by the second Friday in January. They even named it Quitters Day.



But I'm not a quitter, I'm a QUILTER! So, I scrapped all those "crazy quilt" notions and pieced together a new pattern of New Year's resolutions.

I am not buying any new fabric unless it is beautiful, unusual, the perfect color to go with fabric I already have or if the fabric just calls out, "take me home!"

I am only going to start new projects that I am super excited to start, even if I think I will stop working on them in a few steps.

I will only buy a new ruler or gadget if it seems like it will make a project easier or it's a super great price.

I will clean up the sewing room, no if, ands or buts about it, however, no promises that it won't be even messier after unearthing all those projects, gadgets and fabrics I find while cleaning.

And last but certainly not least, the dining room table in 2025 will solely be used for quilting and no food will be allowed in the newly named Alternate Quilting Room!

No matter if you set resolutions or not, I hope everyone plans to join us at Quilters Unlimited this year to celebrate the wonderful craft we all just can't quit, because we aren't quitters, we're QUILTERS UNLIMITED!!

Happy Quilting,

Kerry

Upcoming Programs

January - Hello! My Name is...Join us for an introduction to the Pantone and Kona Cotton Colors of the Year.

February - Regency Huswife - Our very own Jennifer Darnell will explain the Regency era Huswife and provide directions for creating your own sewing kit just like Jane Austen.

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 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 Volunteer of the Year Is...

At the December meeting, the 2024 Volunteer of the Year was announced. It came as no surprise that Sue Isaac was the overall Volunteer Extraordinaire!

Susan Thompson, Karen Kunz, Ann Gaber and Kerry Cohen all nominated Sue for her tireless efforts chairing the Kaleidoscope of Color Quilt Show.

A big thank you to Sue, we appreciate you!



QU Library

We have a lot of books! Check the inventory list shown online on the QU webpage, About QU tab, QU Library. Email me with your request at least 2 days prior to the meeting and I will bring them.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian



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!

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

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

Greetings from the Welcome Chair for 2025!

First, I will say Welcome! and next I will introduce myself.

I am Ann Gaber hoping to help you get to know the quilters in the guild and for us to get to know you.

I will try to show you around the various things and activities we have going on at the monthly meetings.

I will also connect you with our Sit and Stitch Chair if you want to try out those smaller groups where you actually get to sew!

And I will be hosting all newcomers to the guild from the last year or so at my home for a chance to ask questions and share your interests.

The first Welcome Newcomers Gathering is tentatively set for Thursday, February 13th from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Not a long time but hopefully long enough and in a quiet setting.

I will contact everyone who has joined in the last year or so to remind you about this.

I will be in a blue and white apron at the meetings to make it easy to spot me.

Joy,

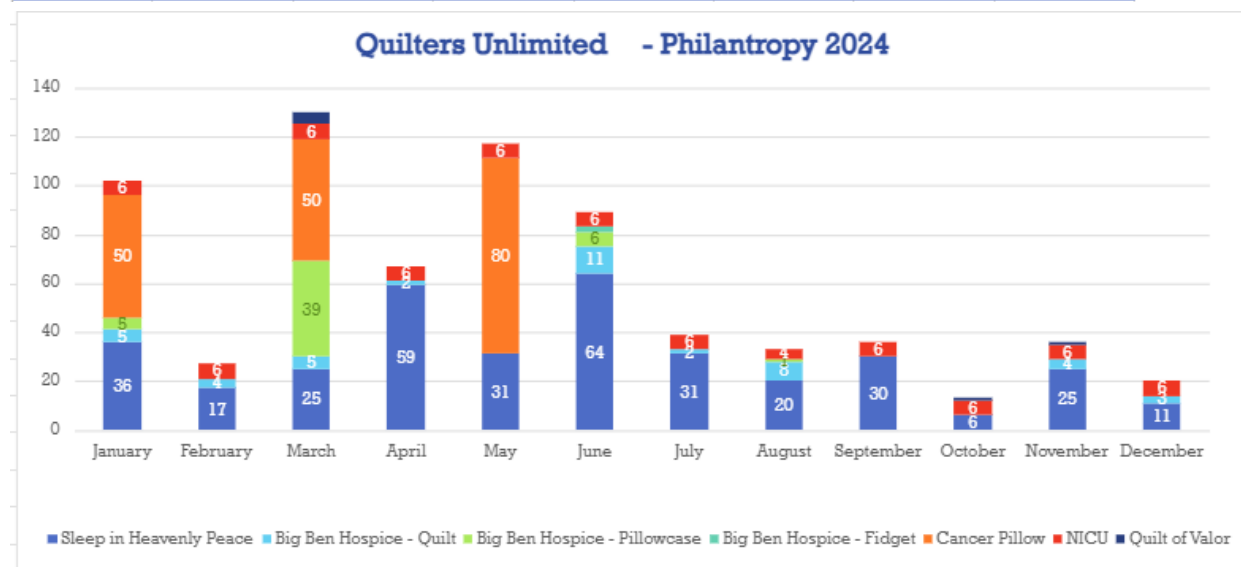
Ann

Philanthropy Message to Close 2024!

The lovely world of QU Philanthropy has brought us an awareness and respect for the needs in our community and places beyond. It has given us friendships and experiences of great joy we hope to continue on with until we all move on. Please review the figures we report for the year of 2024 knowing these numbers are fantastic but there are many more quilts donated directly rather than through us. We are truly overwhelmed at the efforts put forth by our guild to help our neighbors!

Ann Gaber, Evelyn Gonzales and Marion Miller, Co-Chairs for QU Philanthropy 2024

Quilters Unlimited Tallahassee - Philanthropy 2024							
	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Big Ben Hospice			Cancer Pillow	NICU	Quilt of Valor
		Quilt	Pillow case	Fidget quilt			
January	36	5	5		50	6	
February	17	4				6	
March	25	5	39		50	6	5
April	59	2				6	
May	31				80	6	
June	64	11	6	2		6	
July	31	2				6	
August	20	8	1			4	
September	30					6	
October	6					6	1
November	25	4				6	1
December	11	3				6	
TOTAL	355	44	51	2	180	70	7



Quilt of Valor

A QOV was awarded to Captain Michael Joseph Cornely (Joe) on November 28, (yes, on Thanksgiving Day). Joe willingly served in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Afghanistan. The phrase that has been told by every veteran that I have awarded a quilt to has said "there are many others who deserve this more than me". Joe has since filled out a nomination form for just that sort of veteran.



Captain Joe Cornely with his wife, Cheryl and two sons.

Thank every veteran that you come in contact with for the service to our great country.

Quilt made by Peggy C. and quilted by Susan M.

Peggy Clark, QOV member

2025 Quilt Exhibit, LeMoyne Arts August 21-September 20, 2025

January will be the month we reveal the quilt size requirements/limitations for what will be a great show. Spoiler Alert: think 64" X 75" but maybe in multiples. Curious? Come to the meeting and see our demo and explanation.

Karen and I have a meeting with LeMoyne at the end of January to finalize details, so expect more in February. In the meantime, work on your Challenge quilts since EVERYONE can enter a Challenge Quilt in addition to other entries.

We are also still looking for someone to coordinate intake of items for sale at the LeMoyne Gallery Shop during the exhibit. Come talk to one of us.....so we can tell you what we expect, which is so little (maybe pair with a friend?)

Karen Kunz/Pam Doffek, co-chairs

Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues

It's membership renewal time! Dues are \$30 for the year. You can pay by cash or check at the January meeting, online via credit card, or by mail.

If you need the directory mailed, the fee is an additional \$3.

Please let Ellen Fournier know if any of your contact information needs to be updated for publication of the 2025 directory.



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 **January 30, 2025**.

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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on Facebook & stay connected.

<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
Jan 9	Guild Meeting – Program: Hello, My Name Is...
Jan 16	Steering Committee Meeting – 6 pm, LeRoy Collins Library, Magnolia Room
Feb 13	Guild Meeting – Program: Regency Huswife
Mar 13	Guild Meeting
Apr 10	Guild Meeting
Apr 17	Steering Committee Meeting
May 8	Guild Meeting
Jun 3-Aug 5	QU Quilt Exhibit, City Hall Art Gallery
Jun 12	Guild Meeting
Jul 10	Guild Meeting – Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal
Jul 17	Steering Committee Meeting
Aug 14	Guild Meeting
Aug 21 – Sep 20	2025 Quilt Exhibit, LeMoyne Arts
Sep 11	Guild Meeting
Oct 9	Guild Meeting
Nov 6	Steering Committee Meeting
Nov 13	Guild Meeting
Dec 11	Guild Meeting

2025 QU Steering Committee

Position	2025
President	Kerry Cohen
President-Elect	<i>Vacant</i>
Membership VP	Ellen Fournier
Secretary	Janet Taylor
Treasurer	Peggy Clark
Awards	Janet Hughes
Block of the Month	Peggy Clark and Janet Taylor
Challenge Quilt	Cathy Sandmann
City Hall Show 2025	Janet Taylor and Peggy Clark
Door Prize	Teresa Bostwick
Equipment	Michele Hackmeyer
Gallery Shop Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
Internet/Website	Sue Issac
Library	Michele Hackmeyer
Newsletter/Email	Darlene Pricher
Opportunity Quilt 2025	Peggy Clark and Janet Taylor
Opportunity Quilt 2026	<i>Vacant</i>
Past President	Janet Taylor
Philanthropy	<i>Vacant</i>
Programs	Kerry Cohen and Darlene Pricher
Publicity/Social Media	Tara Goodman
Quilt Show 2025	Karen Kunz and Pam Doffek
Quilt Show 2026	<i>Vacant</i>
Silent Auction	Marty O'Neill
Sit-n-Stitch	Jeanne Brenner
Sunshine	Shelley Woodyard
Travel	Christine Walsh
Welcoming	Ann Gaber
Workshops	Cheryl Gratt

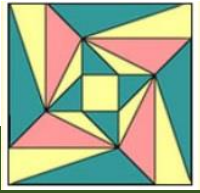
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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 Jeanne Brenner 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 - 1 pm Southwood Community Center	Jane Kazmer
Tuesday	Bits and Pieces	1 st Tuesday, 11 am - 3 pm Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
Wednesday	Pin Pals*	1st and 3rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00 - 3:30 pm	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 am – 12 pm	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.**



CLASSIFIED ADS

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

No ads this month.

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.