

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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***Next Meeting: February 13, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting***

President's Message

February is a month full of hearts, flowers and love! The shortest month of the year packs a treasure trove full of holidays and events. Not only do we celebrate Ground Hog Day and Valentine's Day, but it is National Heart Month. Maybe all this love is to help warm us up in this cold month, even if the groundhog predicts an early spring.

Quilts are a fabulous way to warm up. I spend every morning bundled up in a quilt with a mug of coffee just to get warm enough to be awake, hint I do this even in the summer. Quilts are unique, in they can be a useful household item, but they can also represent many things – a person, a place or even a memory. But I think quilts are always physical proof of a quilter's love. The phrase, "stitched with love," is used all the time to describe how quilters craft a quilt. With that simple phrase, we are trying to let the new owner of the quilt know that all the thought, time and energy used to create the quilt comes from our heart.

Some might not make a quilt with love in mind but consider all the various forms of love – romantic, platonic, selfless and even self-love. Many times, the quilt you make is for someone you love, either family or friend. Every philanthropy quilt is a labor of love, to help someone in need or provide comfort, support and hope to whomever receives the quilt. Maybe you made a quilt just for the love of quilting, or because you love that fabric, or you love trying new patterns or techniques, but it's still about love. Also, consider why you started quilting in the first place...was it because a loved one taught you, or to feel a connection back to a relative who quilted or maybe because quilting sounded like a neat hobby and you wanted to try it out.



If there is one thing I can say without a doubt, it is that Quilters Unlimited members have warm and wonderful hearts full of love! The quilts we craft and display each month are proof that QU shares our hearts full of love not just in February but year-round.

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

Upcoming Programs

February 13th – You don't want to miss our very own Jeanne Brenner! She will delight us with a trunk show of some of her recent quilt masterpieces and discuss quilting techniques.

March 13th – QU is proud to have Rita Verroca at our March guild meeting. Rita is an internationally acclaimed appliqué artist. She lives in Colonial Beach, Virginia and teaches around the globe. Rita will treat us to a trunk show and discuss quilting, piecing and applique.

There is no charge for this event. (Please note, to allow for more time for the trunk show and talk, there will be limited QU announcements/meeting, and no QU show and tell.)

April 10th – Angali Austin, retired FSU Professor of dance, will join us to discuss The Quilts of Mrs. Gussie Beatrice Arnold Hill. Austin is the caretaker of this collection and recently developed an exhibition of these treasured quilts at the FSU Museum of Fine Arts.

Block of the Month 2025

Okay "QU strippers", can we beat last month's total of 46 blocks? This month is Red & White stripes.

This is most likely the easiest blocks to participate with. If you want to still bring in blue and white stripes, it is OKAY! We will be happy 😊 you are "stripping". For those just getting started, it is a block 8 1/2 square with stripes! Easy peasy!



Need paper for backing? See Janet or I at the meeting and we will give you some! More than you ask for I am sure!

You could win the prize for making blocks. Cool!

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor



2025 Opportunity Quilt Tickets Are Available!

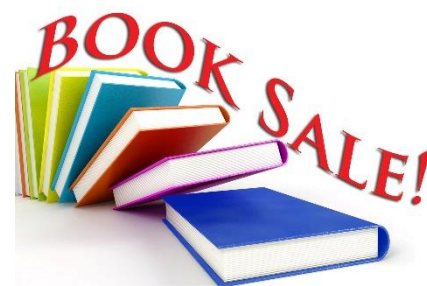
Pick some up, sign out how many and bring back the stubs and money. Easy as we can make it!

Pic of "Arabella" is on the QU Website.

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

QU Library Inventory Reduction Sale

We have over 650 books in our library! Some of them are rather old and many have never or rarely been checked out. I have begun looking at ways to reduce this number. My initial pass has been to look at books based on a publication date prior to 1991. There are a number of books in this group that I will keep for various reasons; they were authored by former guild members or they are historically significant.



Those remaining, only about 50 this time, will be at the guild meeting in February for sale at \$2 per book. Cash only! A decision has not been made regarding what we will use the proceeds for. Any books not purchased will be donated to a local charitable organization or the public library. Each month I will bring a new batch of books.

Hope to see you at the Guild meeting in February and bring your cash!

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

Invite from the Welcome Chair Committee

Anyone who has joined the guild in the last year or so or even longer ago is invited to my home for an informal gathering to ask questions and share interests in order to better understand what the various elements of Quilters Unlimited are. (I found it difficult to make sense of all the names of members, sit and stitch groups, challenges, shows, and projects.)



We will meet at my home on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 until 7:00. I will serve beverages and light snacks. You may contribute a snack, if you wish, of course.

If you have a project in progress or completed to show, it is a great opportunity to ask questions and share methods or thoughts on them.

RSVP, if possible, but last-minute decisions are ok too.

Joy,

Ann Gaber

My information is in the QU directory.

LeMoyne Quilt Show 2025

Dates: August 21 - September 20

Quilt Application Deadline: July 13, 5:00 pm

Quilt Size: 64" X 75" Max (as stated at the January meeting you can submit multiple quilts as long as the total size of quilts you submit do not exceed 64" X 75")

Quilts Drop Off: August 15 - August 16, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Opening Reception: August 21, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Silent Auction: August 21 - September 19 (extended timeframe from last update)

Muffins, Mimosas and Quilto: August 23, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Artist Talk: September 4, 6:00 pm

Quilt Pick-up: September 22 – 23, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Any questions contact: Pam Doffek or Karen Kunz

Past President's Message of Gratitude...

Dearest Quilters Unlimited

My gratitude is infinite for the beautifully presented president's gift of 2024. It was an honor and delight to serve you all in that capacity. You were wonderful in quilt skills, volunteer activities, attention, and simply love of this craft. This was a fantastic year in every way. The gifts of colorful fat quarters (can't wait to use them), an iron of the best and highest order (can't piece without one), a rainy day quilt fund (future use will speak to me!), and the beautifully constructed logo quilt (thank you Kerry C and Linda O!) were beyond "too much." Thank you from the bottom of my bottomless heart! What a way to close out literally one of the best years of my life. I'm looking forward to 2025 and presenting some "show and tells" from your generosity and love.

For those who missed seeing this large and lovely block in December, here is what is hanging in my sew room:

Janet Taylor



March Special Guest Trunk Show and QU Workshop

We are pleased to announce two fantastic opportunities for Quilters Unlimited members.

On Thursday **March 13th** [Rita Verroca](#) will thrill and entertain us with her trunk show! Rita is an internationally acclaimed appliqué artist. She lives in Colonial Beach, Virginia and teaches around the globe. She has won several AQS awards, her quilts have been on magazine covers and she has written a book **Baltimore Album of Roses**. Check out her historic blocks on her website. These blocks are a true work of art-as are the many quilts she has produced. You won't be disappointed!

Next, on Friday **March 14th** she will offer a workshop that will teach hand piecing and BEGINNERS needle turn appliqué. Skinny stems? Yes, that will be covered. One of the things that I have learned by really learning how to hand piece, is my MACHINE SEWING has gotten so much better! It's amazing! All you will need to bring are sewing supplies-no machines! The pattern and material kit are included.



A light lunch will be provided: Soup, salad, water and tea. There is a full kitchen complete with a refrigerator, oven and microwave available. Bring a treat to share if you wish!

Registration for QU ONLY is now open and is \$25 for QU members. On 2.1.25 registration opens up to include Friendship Star Quilters for \$30. Any others not affiliated with QU or FSQ will be offered a seat at \$35 after 2.15.25 . Class size is limited.

Who: Rita Verroca

What: Hand piecing and needle-turn applique Class

Fee: \$25 for Quilters Unlimited members, \$30 for Friendship Star Quilters and \$35 for all others

When: 3.14.25 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Where: Miccosukee Community Center 13887 Moccasin Gap Road

The workshop is starting to fill up. Please register online to secure your spot!

Signup Link: [Workshop: Hand Piecing and Beginners' Needle-Turn Applique](#)

Call Cheryl Gratt for any questions, her number is in the QU directory.

Rita is also conducting a 3 - 6 day Retreat at Wakulla Springs from 3.16-3.21.2025. If you are interested in information, please let Cheryl know and she will email you information!



ONE LAST QUESTION: PLEASE RESPOND TO Cheryl via email: Would you be interested in a t-shirt quilt class with [Diane Kelly](#) hosted by Quilters Unlimited. Fee would probably be \$30?

PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!

New Philanthropy Opportunity – Big Bend Hospice Quilted Squares Project

Introduction: The Meaning of Purple

Thank you for contributing your time, skill, and compassion to create quilted squares in purple, a color deeply significant in end-of-life care. In many healthcare settings, purple serves as a signal that a patient is nearing or has reached the end of their journey. The color purple represents spirituality, dignity, and peace, making it a meaningful choice to convey respect and honor for both patients and their loved ones during this sensitive time.

Why Quilted Squares?

Your creations play a special role in bringing comfort to families facing the unexpected. When a loved one is nearing the end of life, it can be a challenging and unprepared-for experience, especially if they weren't initially receiving hospice care. Often, families find themselves in this situation, feeling overwhelmed and unready to say goodbye. By offering a quilted square, we aim to bring warmth and a sense of presence during these profound moments.



To ensure consistency, please follow these guidelines for creating the squares:

Quilted Squares Specifications: 6x6 inches – Soft purple fabrics

Quilted or patterned designs are welcome, but please ensure the fabric is soothing and respectful. Additional Touches are optional but feel free to add simple stitching to the quilted squares, such as a small heart or a word like "Hope" or "Love" in an unobtrusive, thoughtful way.

The Impact of Your Work

By contributing to this project, you're offering more than fabric and thread; you're creating tokens of peace and solace that provide tangible comfort during an intensely emotional time.

Other Ways to Help

You can also support Big Bend Hospice by giving gently used items to their Oak Tree Treasures Thrift Shop. The link to their website for additional information: [Oak Tree Treasures | Big Bend Hospice](http://oaktreetreasures.org). In addition, they need several quilt stands to display donated quilts.

Please contact Janet Taylor if you have any questions.





Membership News

We have four new members for 2025--Alexandra Blakney, Vicki Mildenerger, Teresa Miller, and Wayne Sponholtz. We look forward to getting to know you and your quilts!

As of January 24, 67 members have renewed their memberships.

Memberships are \$30 for the year and can be renewed online at <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/membership/forms/dues-payments/> or at the monthly guild meeting with a check or cash.

Michelle Hackmeyer will be taking member photos for the 2025 Handbook at February's meeting; please consider adding your picture to help us all get to know each other.

Jennifer Colley and I will see you at the check in table! (Thank you, Jennifer)

Ellen Fournier

Upcoming Shows and Events

**Saint Andrew Bay Quilter's Guild presents Quilt Show
2025 "Quilts from the Heart"**

**February 14 & 15th 9am -4pm
Central Panhandle Fair Grounds
2230 East 15th St, Panama City, FL 32405**

AQS QuiltWeek Daytona Beach

February 19-22, 2025

Wed.-Fri., 9am-5pm, Sat., 9am-4pm

Ocean Center 101 North Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32118

www.quiltweek.com

Peace River Quilters' Guild, Inc. presents its

18th Biennial Peace River Quilt Festival:

"It's Sew Wonderful"

on Friday, February 28, and Saturday, March 1, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center in Punta Gorda, Florida.



City Hall Show

The City Hall Show will take place **June 4 - August 4, 2025**. This is a "Free Theme" exhibition of approximately 30 quilts, large, medium, small. Quilts are your choice, one per person, with no restrictions on year made or previous showing. The online application "Submittable" will go live on **February 17**, via an email blast to the guild, on a first come first served basis. You may offer your quilt for sale. Quilt must have a sleeve, dowel, and hanging wire. Quilt submission will take place at the **May 8** meeting, and one other time TBA.



Our City Hall reception will take place on Thursday, **June 19**, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Taylor.

Beautiful Quilt Kits for Sale at Bargain Prices to Help Support Philanthropic Efforts

Over the years many lovely quilt kits have been donated to Bits and Pieces to make quilts for Hospice and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Unfortunately, some of the patterns are too complicated or too large to complete in a timely manner.



The kits are precut so you will be able to start sewing almost immediately.

We do ask that you check to be sure everything you need is inside the bag so we can correct any shortages before you begin.

Kits will be available at QU meetings starting on February 13.

Prices range for \$40 to \$70 based on the yardage included in the kit.

All money gathered will go to buy needed supplies like batting or backing for compassion quilts in our community.

This is a great opportunity to help provide warmth to those in need of comfort.

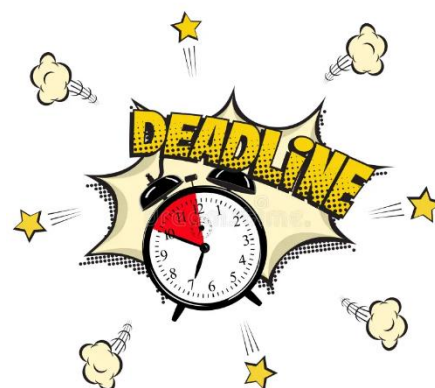
Jeanne Brenner

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **February 27, 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.

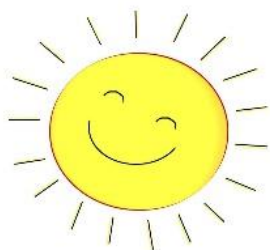


Missing Email Blasts?

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.



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

Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
Feb 13	Guild Meeting – Program: Jeanne Brenner, Trunk Show
Mar 13	Guild Meeting – Program: Rita Verroca, National Speaker
Apr 3	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library
Apr 10	Guild Meeting – Program: Angali Austin, The Quilts of Mrs. Gussie Beatrice Arnold Hill
May 8	Guild Meeting
Jun 4 – Aug 4	QU Quilt Exhibit, City Hall Art Gallery
Jun 12	Guild Meeting
Jul 10	Guild Meeting – Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal
Jul 17	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library
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, Main Library
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
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

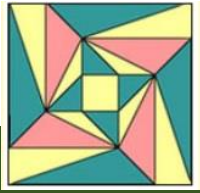
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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	Teresa Miller
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.

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