

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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March 2025

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

President's Message

Top of the morning, to ya! As we slide into March and hopefully nice, spring weather, we can all embrace our Irish side or maybe just pretend we have some Irish in our background and celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. We have several patterns and techniques in quilting that correlate to the holiday. Do you celebrate by sewing up an Irish Chain quilt or even a Double or Triple Irish Chain? Maybe you like to applique those intricate Celtic knot patterns or do you machine applique a cute four-leaf clover on your block? Perhaps, you enjoy adding a touch of Irish to all your quilts and include a nice rich green in every pattern. Whether your Irish or just celebrating the day as the Irish do, try your luck and sew a green and white block for our March block of the month.

March is extra special as National Quilting Day falls on the third Saturday of the month. As quilters, we are incredibly lucky to have a wonderful hobby that brings us joy, friendship and comfort.

Quilt Alliance has a page dedicated to the holiday and activities quilters can explore to celebrate. One of their main missions is to make sure quilts are properly documented. For more information and steps on documenting quilts, visit <https://quiltalliance.org/nationalquiltingday/>



While most quilters don't need an extra reason to sew all day or purchase fabric for a new project, it never hurts to have a national holiday as justification, so enjoy National Quilting Day Saturday, March 15th!

And as Quilters Unlimited members, we tripled our luck this month as internationally recognized quilter Rita Verroca will visit our guild meeting with a trunk show of her amazing applique quilts. This is a can't miss event! As a reminder, to maximize our time hearing about Rita's amazing quilts, we will have limited announcements, and no QU show and tell this month.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful guild, and since it is the lucky quilt month, I hope you find that "quilty" pot of gold at the end of the rainbow - may your seams always be exactly a quarter inch, you never need to use your seam ripper and all your points match.

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

Upcoming Programs

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.

May 8th – Get ready to enjoy Pam & Lyn's Excellent Quilt Adventure. QU's very own Pam Doffek and Lyn Gearity will treat us to fascinating tales of their recent quilting adventure.

June 12th – Quilts of Valor Presentation – Join Quilters Unlimited in honoring and celebrating our veterans as they are awarded a Quilt of Valor.

Block of the Month 2025

Okay "QU strippers" and those who want to be a "Stripper", last month I asked if we could beat January blue and white stripe block and you did by One? We had a total of 46 in January and 47 in February! Wow! That beats any previous records for BOM. I am proud of each of you donating your time and talent for this project. March block is green and white stripes. 8 1/2 " square is all it takes and if you need paper for the backing just see me or Janet for some. You could win the monthly prize for entering! Cool!



April will be a 6.5 x 6.5 square block with binding of wonderful purples for Big Bend Hospice. You can add a touch if you wish (design, embroidery, applique`) See that newsletter article for more details.

If you want to get ahead of the month/year, May and beyond will be Red, White and Blue strips!

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.

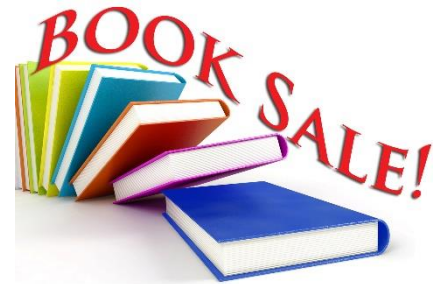
Bring a few dollars to buy tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, \$5 for three tickets gets your name in a drawing for three more.

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

QU Library Inventory Reduction Sale

We will have another batch of books available for sale this month. \$2 per book, cash only. These are books that were published between 1991 and 1999.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian



Welcome Committee Comments

We had a very pleasant visit with new members who shared their interests and experiences.

Plus, there were old-ish members who volunteered to assist with their own shared knowledge.

I was thrilled to have the leisure to listen to actual conversations!

The next gathering will be in April. Tentatively Thursday the 17th.

Joy,

Ann Gaber, Welcome Chair



LeMoyne Quilt Show 2025

Dates: August 21 - September 20

Quilt size: 64" x 75" you can enter multiple wall hangings that fit that measurement,
or one quilt

Application registration starts March 1 link:

<https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=28544>

- All quilt entries go on one submission form which you may edit until the Application deadline.
- Enter 0 (zero) for depth in photo information area

Application deadline: July 13 by midnight

Quilt drop off: August 15 11:00am - 5:00pm and August 16 11:00am - 1:00pm

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

Silent Auction: will run from August 21 - September 19

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

Artist Talk: Sue Issac September 4 6:00pm

Quilt pick-up: September 22 11:00am - 5:00pm and September 23 11:00am - 1:00pm

Any questions contact: Pam Doffek or Karen Kunz

March QU Workshop – Waiting List

The Workshop for Hand Piecing and Needle Turn Applique is full!

If you would like to be put on the waiting list for anyone who needs to cancel (no refunds so you can sell your seat to a waitlist person).

Please email or call Cheryl Gratt.



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.



Linda O's Block for Hospice

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

February has been a great month for new and returning members! Welcome, and welcome back, to Susan Henderson, Barbara Hoagland, Hanneke Hoxworth-Pieket Weeserik, Mary Glenn Krause, DeeDee Moore, Robert Robbins, and Judith Thompson.

As of February 24 we have 102 dues-paying members. Just a reminder, you must have paid your 2025 dues to receive a 2025 Membership Directory, which will be available at the March meeting, or will be mailed out in the next week to those who requested a copy by mail.

If you are not sure if you have paid your dues there will be a list at the check-in desk with information about membership status.

Ellen Fournier

Challenge Quilt – A Walk in the Woods

Still plenty of time to join the quilt challenge! Quilts due completed at the July meeting.

Contact me by email or at the meeting for rules.

I am also looking for someone willing to make 5 prize ribbons. Let me know if you're interested.

Cathy Sandmann



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.

Link to Application Form:

<https://tallahasseearts.submittable.com/submit/319426/quilters-unlimited-guild-city-hall-exhibition>

So far, we have 12 quilts into our 50 limit. 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. 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 **March 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.

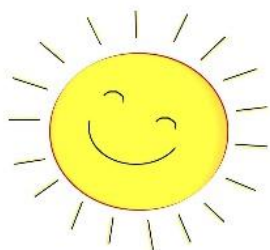


Missing Email Blasts?

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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on Facebook & stay connected.

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

Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
Mar 13	Guild Meeting – Program: Rita Verroca, National Speaker
Apr 3	Steering Committee Meeting, Northeast Branch Library
Apr 10	Guild Meeting – Program: Angali Austin, The Quilts of Mrs. Gussie Beatrice Arnold Hill
May 8	Guild Meeting – Program: Pam & Lyn's Excellent Quilt Adventure
Jun 4 – Aug 4	QU Quilt Exhibit, City Hall Art Gallery
Jun 12	Guild Meeting – Program: Quilts of Valor Presentation
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

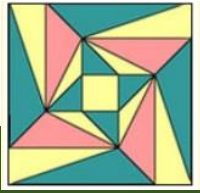
*If you are interested in a vacant position,
please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!*

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.

ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE OR SERVICES ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.