

# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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**Next Meeting: April 10, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive  
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting**

## President's Message

Ahhh, doesn't April have that fresh Spring scent we all love, or if you just sneezed from pollen, maybe that you don't love? As we bask in the nice spring days this month, we also can celebrate our home planet (at least I hope it's your home planet 😊) with Earth Day and the wonderful trees that are producing that pollen in grand amounts with Arbor Day.

Quilters love to incorporate holidays or themes in their quilts. If you want to do a virtual quilt tour of the many ways quilters celebrate the Earth, check out the Quilting Daily's website on Earth Day quilts. <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/earth-day-art-quilts-for-the-love-of-gaia-exhibition/>

And if you aren't from Earth and are missing home or just a mere Earthling that dreams of exploring space, check out The Next Giant Leap website. The Kennedy Center recently held a block challenge for students and quilters across the US to create a quilt block to celebrate the Artemis campaign for NASA heading back to the Moon and then to Mars. One block from each state was selected from the student and quilter categories and two quilts were made and will be displayed in Washington, DC. This Earthling created a block that didn't get selected, but it was fun to challenge myself.



Photos of the quilts and blocks will be added to the site soon. <https://www.kennedy-center.org/whatson/explore-by-genre/exhibits/2024-2025/lunar-quilts/>

And speaking of challenges, don't forget our theme this year, A Walk in the Woods. This would be a great opportunity to quilt and celebrate Arbor Day. The old saying goes, "the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second best is today." I think this can apply to making quilts, so break out all your tree and woodland ideas and join in the fun.

Happy Quilting,  
Kerry

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## Upcoming Programs

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Anjali 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 8<sup>th</sup>** – 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 12<sup>th</sup>** – Quilts of Valor Presentation – Join Quilters Unlimited in honoring and celebrating our veterans as they are awarded a Quilt of Valor.

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## Block of the Month 2025

Yeah! We have added another forty to our stash of strip blocks.

Hope you are enjoying making the purple ones for Big Bend Hospice for April (this is ongoing). See article for directions.

Now we head into the rest of the year using reds, whites and blues. Each and every month through October we will be making the blocks that will be used for Quilts of Valor and lap quilts for veterans.

Stripping is so easy that it is strange that some are making none. Why is that? Lack of fabric? We will give you some. Stripping is the name of fun!! How many can be made from now to October meeting?



*Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor*

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## 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*

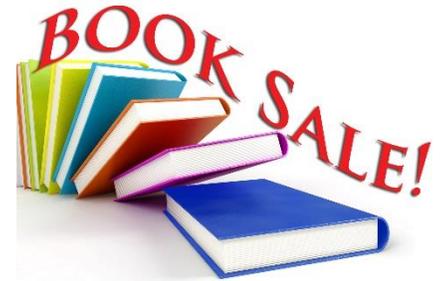
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## QU Library Inventory Reduction Sale

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*



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## QU Welcome to Newcomers' Social

There will be a social at my home on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 until 7:30. Anyone who is sort of new or very new is invited. It is a chance to ask and share in a slightly quieter atmosphere.

RSVP's are appreciated.

I am in the Directory. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Joy,

*Ann Gaber, Welcome Chair*



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## 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*



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## LeMoyne Quilt Show 2025

**Dates:** August 21 - September 20

**Quilt Application deadline:** July 13 by 5 p.m.

**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 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and August 16 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Opening Reception:** August 21, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

**Muffins, Mimosas and Quilto:** August 23, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Artist Talk:** September 4, 6 p.m.

**Quilt Pick-up:** September 22 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and September 23 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Any questions contact:** Pam Doffek or Karen Kunz

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## LeMoyne Gallery Shop

Quilters and Crafters, it is time to show off your creativity! We need 30 to 40 small items for the LeMoyne Gallery Shop. The sale of these items helps LeMoyne offset the cost of putting on our show. Plan to make one of a kind or maybe 2 or 3 of an item. The items do not have to be quilt related, if you make jewelry, do bead work, make cards, paint or make pottery, to name a few other crafts, those items will be appreciated also. Quilty items can include pin cushions, mug rugs, placemats, needle books, potholders, "quilted" cards, wallets, pouches, or small wall hanging.



Put your thinking cap on and create some lovely items for the LeMoyne Gallery Shop. I will be collecting items starting with the April meeting.

Thank You,

*Linda Strait*

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# MEMBERSHIP

## April Membership News

Quilters Unlimited membership is doing well in 2025—we have sixteen new members so far, and 107 members from 2024 have renewed their membership by paying their \$30 annual dues.

Just a reminder, you must be a current member to display your quilt(s) in the Lemoyne show this August. It is easy to make a dues payment through the [website](#), by mail (Quilters Unlimited, PO Box 12181, Tallahassee, Florida 32317), or at a monthly guild meeting.

The 2025 directories are available to be picked up at guild meetings for current members.

Hope to see you at our April 10 meeting!

*Ellen Fournier*

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## Quilt of Valor Presentation

Cray J. Coppins, Jr. was awarded a Quilt of Valor in Tallahassee on February 21, 2025. Coppins served in the U.S. Marine Corps for two years exiting as an E-4. He later joined the U.S. Navy, served for 31 years and retired as a Captain in 2004. During his career he received numerous medals and awards for his outstanding work.

He is shown with his quilt which was made by Margaret P. and quilted by Wendy A.



Presented by Roberta Granville.

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## 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://oaktreasures.org). In addition, they need several quilt stands to display donated quilts.

Please contact Janet Taylor if you have any questions.

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## LAST CALL ... City Hall Show

Last call for applicants to upload their quilt photo for the City Hall Show. As of today, we have 19 quilts entered and we need at least 11 up to 17 more in large, medium and small sizes. **The deadline is April 5.**

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" is live. 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>

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Taylor.

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## 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*



## Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
Apr 3	Steering Committee Meeting, Northeast Branch Library
Apr 10	Guild Meeting – Program: Anjali 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, TBD
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, TBD
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 Isaac
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

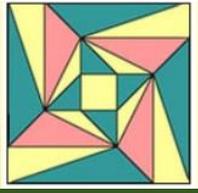
*If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!*

## 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.

<b>Monday</b>	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am - 1 pm	Janice Watson
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 1 pm Southwood Community Center	Jane Kazmer
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bits and Pieces	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 11 am - 3 pm Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Teresa Miller
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pin Pals*	1st and 3rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00 - 3:30 pm	Teri Smith
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	Frayed Edges*	Weekly, 9:30 am – 12 pm	Loui Tope
<b>Saturday</b>	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*

#### **Final Touch Binding**

Do you hate binding your quilts?

Quilt binding services are available for those that hate this part of the quilting process or have physical limitations that prevent you from enjoying it.

Please contact **Tracy Wade** for pricing.

#### **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](mailto: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.***