

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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**Next Meeting: May 8, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting**

President's Message

The old adage goes, April showers bring May flowers. Weirdly, here in Florida, April is one of our driest months, but we still have lots of flowers to celebrate. Many May celebrations feature flowers. May Day, on May 1, celebrates Spring with dancing, flowers and ribbons wound around the May pole. The holiday on the last Monday of the month, Memorial Day, is inexorably linked with the red poppy flowers.

May 11, the second Sunday in May, is Mother's Day. While flowers are not a requirement for this holiday, moms, grandmoms, aunts, or really anyone would enjoy some pretty carnations, roses or even wildflowers on this day.

May is also National Strawberry month. Okay, so strawberries themselves are not flowers, but they do start from white blooms and become wonderful, sweet red berries that are part of my breakfast every morning. In sewing, we have a strawberry emery attached to the tomato pincushion for sharpening needles and pins. Someone recently gave me a magnet with strawberries on it and the phrase, "Keep Going, Keep Growing." The message can mean so many things, but as quilters, it is especially important advice. No matter what project you are working on, don't stop, keep going. Many times, in the middle of a project that somehow hasn't gone as planned (i.e. the seam ripper was needed) or the directions just aren't making sense, it's easy to get frustrated, stop and move to another project. A break is never a bad thing, but keep going, because overcoming that project obstacle means you are growing as a quilter. Think of the cute little strawberry on the pincushion...it's not there for everyday use, but when your needle or pin gets a bit dull, that strawberry is there so you can keep going and keep growing your garden of quilts.



Happy Quilting,
Kerry

P.S. If you want to make an easy strawberry quilt block, check out the Vancouver Modern Quilt Guild's instructions at <https://vancouvermodernquiltguild.ca/blog/archive/past-challenges-and-round-robins/challenges-2017/june-strawberry-blocks/>

Upcoming Programs

May 8th – Lyn & Pam's EXCELLENT Adventure (apologies to Bill & Ted)

Lyn Gearity and Pam Doffek have been doing craft and quilt related traveling since 2019. Come hear where they went, why, and how EXCELLENT their adventures were (and will continue to be). They will talk about what they saw, what they did, and have some quilt and other travel souvenirs to show and tell. No slideshow, just real people with real stuff.

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

July 10th – Annual Challenge Quilt Reveal – It's time for unveiling of the quilts in our "A Walk in the Woods" Challenge. Come to view the quilts up close and cast your ballot to award prizes to our quilt makers and hear the inspiration behind their creations as we reveal who made each quilt.

August 14th – Trivia Night – Come have some fun as we test our quilting knowledge with some easy and not so easy trivia questions.

Block of the Month 2025

Hey "QU Strippers" we did it again last month!

Fifty (50) total squares! This includes the purple ones for Big Bend Hospice (ongoing each month as they do not want quilts for their patients), some BOM that were blue and white strips, some red and white and the patriotic of red, white and blue!

I am so proud of each of you! Never before have we had such a great response as this year. Why? Some say it is so easy, some say it is using up scraps and some think it is "mindless" sewing. Whatever the reason, please keep stripping!

If you are new and want to begin to be a "Stripper" the block is 8 1/2 by 8 1/2 or thereabouts. We will trim them at another time.

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.

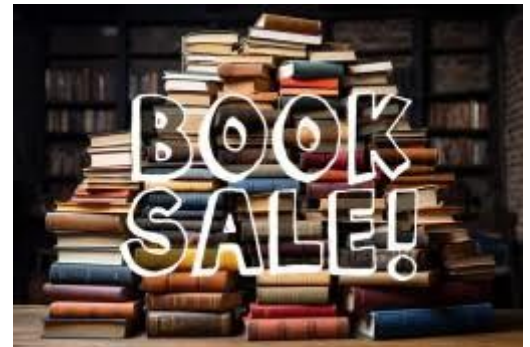
Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

QU Library Inventory Reduction

We will have another batch of books available for sale this month. \$2 per book, cash only. This batch will be applique books.

All other books are still available to be checked out. Send me your request and I'll bring it to the meeting for you.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian



Hospice Says Thanks...

The Big Bend Hospice sends their gratitude for the purple blocks donated for their family grief program. They were super grateful and absolutely loved how beautiful the remembrance blocks were!

Thank you to all who participated in April's BOTM effort. There were about 45 made. Should you have more purple fabric to use, go for it. We can deliver to Hospice anytime.

Janet Taylor



Challenge Quilt – A Walk in the Woods

Still plenty of time to join the quilt challenge!

Quilts due completed at the July meeting.

I will not be at the meeting this month, so please contact me via email if interested.

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

Cathy Sandmann



Pam Doffek teaches “Expanded Convergence” on July 19

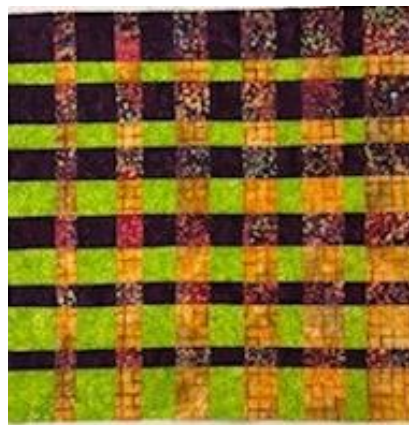
Pam Doffek will teach “Expanded Convergence” on Saturday July 19 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Bradfordville School House Community Center, 6808 Beech Ridge Trail, Tallahassee, 32312.

“Expanded Convergence” takes the basic principles of Ricky Timm’s “Convergence” technique and expands them to larger sizes, accounting for various sizes of strips; some bigger to make the sewing easy. Students can work with any fabric square sizes from 18” X 18” to 36 X 36”. Supplies list upon paid registration.

Class fee: \$10 to offset community center registration fee. Pam has shown examples before and will in subsequent QU meetings. Samples of student work from class are shown below.



Lyn Geariety – Jan 2025



Lain Stowe – Jan 2025

Sign up with Cheryl Gratt NOW. Registration deadline: July 11, 2025

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

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 at the QU meetings.

Thank You,

Linda Strait



MEMBERSHIP

Membership News

Let's welcome new member Patty Sponholtz to Quilters Unlimited!

Also remember that your 2025 membership must be up-to-date if you plan to submit a quilt to the LeMoyne Show. You can renew online or at the check in table at our monthly meeting.

Ellen Fournier

Quilt of Valor Presentation

Retired United States Air Force Colonel Bruce J. Host was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on April 8, 2025.

Colonel Host served 22 years in the Air Force including a tour in Vietnam. He expressed great pleasure in receiving his quilt and thanked everyone who participates in making Quilts of Valor.

His quilt was made by Linda O. and Roberta G. and quilted by Susan S.

Submitted by Roberta Granville



Distinguished Quilter Award Nominations

It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited
for the

Distinguished Quilter Award



Nominations for Distinguished Quilter are due by **July 1**. Nomination forms for Distinguished Quilter are online at: <https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>. The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper and must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.

In addition to basic contact information, the entry form has three sections to describe the nominee.

1. Outstanding quilting expertise and talent
2. Quilting demonstrations, teaching and/or writing by quilter
3. Local, regional, and/or national quilt shows entered; awards received

The Award Criteria below is online in the Policies and Procedures:

4. Committee Procedures for Nomination

- a) The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations from active Quilters Unlimited members through forms, published on the guild's web site.
- b) There shall be a nominator and a co-nominator, and both shall complete and sign the Nomination Form.
- c) The Awards Committee Chairperson shall not be a nominator or co-nominator. In the case of any tie votes, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- d) An Awards Committee member, nominated for an award, shall not participate in discussions or voting pertaining to that award.
- e) The current President is not eligible for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

5. Distinguished Quilter Award Criteria

- a) The Distinguished Quilter Award will be given to a participating guild member, who: supports the goals and purposes of Quilters Unlimited by promoting knowledge of and interest in quilting and the art of quilting; has outstanding quilting expertise and talent; shares by demonstrations, teaching, or writing; and enters quilts in local, regional, and national quilt shows.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as an officer or committee chairperson, demonstrate areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other), and show initiative and/or assume responsibility.
- c) The Distinguished Quilter Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than July 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Contact Janet Hughes with questions about submitting nominations.

City Hall Quilts are Due!

The 32 quilts entered in the City Hall show are due at the May 8 QU meeting. Quilts need to be rolled up with a hooked dowel inside the sleeve. If you cannot bring your quilt to the May meeting, please text Janet Taylor for an alternate date ASAP. The quilts will be delivered to City Hall the week after our meeting.



The City Hall Show will take place **June 4 - August 4, 2025**.

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.

Round Robin Group



Please bring a container with your name/phone along with center block and/or fabric to be used.

Border guidelines will be available at May meeting.

Teresa Bostwick

The Applique Society (TAS) features Rita Verroca

The Applique Society (TAS) is beginning a series of workshops featuring Baltimore-inspired applique blocks with Rita Verroca's Maryland Manor House. In this class Rita will teach how to combine needle-turn applique techniques with carefully curated fabrics to create stunning architectural blocks.



Patterns for this class must be ordered directly from Rita (they are not available digitally). See the supply list for details to order patterns and optional kits.

"Rita will host a stitch-along session on June 1 from 3-5 PM to answer any questions you have about the block."

Submitted by Cheryl Gratt

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is

May 29, 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.

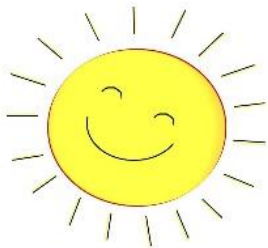


Missing Email Blasts?

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.	
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
Jun 19	City Hall Show Reception
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, 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

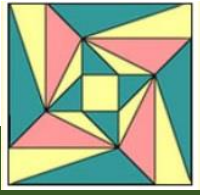
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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.

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*

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.