

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

July President's Message

Welcome to Summer! July marks the first full month of summer and the celebrations show you it's hot outside! Of course, we have Independence Day on July 4th, but we also can celebrate Hot Dog Month, Picnic Month and Ice Cream Month!



Surprisingly, July is also National Contract Sewing Month recognizing all things manufactured with a needle and thread, which makes perfect sense. It is the perfect time to stay inside with the AC blasting and sew. What you choose to piece could go many directions, watermelon blocks, ice cream cone blocks or maybe you are jumping into the Christmas in July vibe and

working on holiday gifts. Whatever you are sewing while staying cool and quilting along, here's another possibility for you...stars!

The term "Dog Days of Summer" doesn't mean the hound dogs lazing in the shade to stay cool but refers to the star Sirius, aka the Dog Star. According to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, Sirius, part of the constellation Canis Majoris, rises near dawn during the mid and late summer months. In ancient Greek and Roman times, the days when the star was rising coincided with the hottest summer days thus, the nickname.

Clearly, the hot, hot, "dog days of summer" are here. Hopefully, you can piece some cool, refreshing patterns to beat the heat this month. If you can't sew up star blocks, maybe just step out and look up to see if you can find Sirius in the early morning sky!

Happy Quilting,

Kerry

Tallahassee Democrat.

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We made the News!!!

Be sure to check out online or in print, the newspaper article featuring QU and our quilts at the City Hall Show.

Fabric gifts unfold with help of Janet Taylor and Tallahassee Quilters Unlimited

By Tracy Horenbein, Council on Culture & Arts

<https://www.tallahassee.com/story/entertainment/things-to-do/2025/06/28/fabric-gifts-unfold-with-help-of-tallahassee-quilters-unlimited/84356993007/?tbref=hp>

Upcoming Programs

July 10, 2025 – 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 14, 2025 – Trivia Night and Special Exhibit – Come have some fun as we test our quilting knowledge with some easy and some not so easy trivia questions. We will also have the honor of viewing the artistry of Marsha Walper's wonderful quilts with a special exhibit at the August meeting.

September 11, 2025 – Lisa Barton, Director of the Museum of Florida History, will join us to share about the Museum's quilt collection and talk about appropriate care of these textile treasures.

Block of the Month 2025

Hey "QU Strippers" we did it again last month with an overwhelming response.

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!

Tickets are on sale for the Opportunity Quilt at every meeting. A drawing for Arabella will be held at the close of the LeMoyne Show. Who will get to take home this gorgeous batik bed cover?!

One for \$2; Three for \$5 - and add your name to a drawing for another three tickets.

Don't forget to sign up to Volunteer to provide Arabella donation/opportunity tickets during the LeMoyne Show. Link to signup: <https://signup.com/go/KesaeDy>.

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

Big Bend Hospice Says Thanks Again...

Thanks to those who submitted even more **purple** Hospice Blocks.

BBH is very grateful for the additional 6 x 6 inch blocks designated in loving memory to families in loss.

Y'all rock in how pretty these are and how many you've completed.

Janet Taylor



Challenge Quilt Reveal – A Walk in the Woods

Challenge quilt reveal will be at the next meeting, July 10th.

Please make sure quilts are labeled and have a pillowcase so they are ready to go to the LeMoyne Show. All challenge quilts need to be registered for the LeMoyne Show.



Link to register your quilt for LeMoyne Show:

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

Cathy Sandmann

Pam Doffek teaches “Expanded Convergence” on July 19

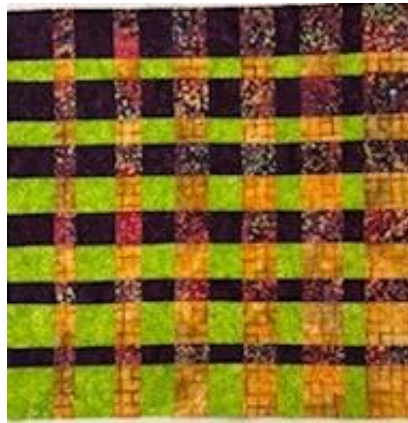
Pam Doffek will teach “Expanded Convergence” on Saturday July 19 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Bradfordville School House Community Center, 6808 Beech Ridge Trail, Tallahassee, 32312.

“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

Register online by clicking [HERE](#) or call Cheryl Gratt. Registration deadline: July 11, 2025

LeMoyne Quilt Exhibit 2025 – Pam Doffek & Karen Kunz

Here are the BIG dates to remember:



QUILT APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 13 by 5 p.m. Link to application: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=28544> Details on QU webpage: <https://www.quilttallahassee.com/shows-travel-galleries/2025-lemoyne-arts-show/>

QUILT DROP OFF: August 15 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and August 16 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may have a friend drop off your quilts.

OPENING RECEPTION: August 21, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. BRING FINGER FOODS BY 4:45

MUFFINS, MIMOSAS AND QUILTO: August 23, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ARTIST TALK: September 4, 6 p.m. Sue Isaac will update a lecture on "Modern Quilts"

QUILT PICK-UP: September 22 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and September 23 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may have a friend pick up your quilts.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER to provide donation/opportunity tickets during the exhibit. Link to signup: <https://signup.com/go/KesaeDy>

If no one signs up, no tickets will be sold. LeMoyne staff are not responsible for taking ticket donations.

There are only 2 shifts of 3.5 hours/day. We only need 1 person per shift. At special events (opening, gallery talk and QUILTO) extra slots have been added.

You MAY bring something to work on while you sit and volunteer.

Any questions contact: Pam Doffek or Karen Kunz

Silent Auction: August 21 - September 19 Marty O'Neill, chair:

We are still looking for items for the Silent Auction. If you are planning on submitting a basket, remember to consider items that would appeal to the general public as several of our "guests" may not be quilters. Of course, sewing and quilt items are always appreciated by our fellow quilters. In addition, we do need more quilts for sale as everyone needs a snuggle with a beautiful and comfortable quilt.



It would be helpful when submitting items, you provide a "starting bid" since you know the time and costs of materials.

The participant who brings in the most money for a *single* donated item will receive their QU dues (2026) gratis. The Sit N Stitch group that brings in the most money for a group donation will receive a \$20 gift certificate, given to the contact person named in the directory, to use at one of your upcoming Sit N Stitch sessions.

You can give Marty your items at any upcoming QU meeting. If you are unable to bring your item, she is happy to meet up with you to get your donation. You can contact Marty via email or by cell.

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



City Hall Show

The Reception for the City Hall show on June 19 was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out. We had a wonderful time viewing a beautiful show filled with light and life!

If you haven't already, stop by the show through August 4. Easy parking is at Kleman Plaza behind City Hall.

To those who have submitted quilts, these can be picked up at the August meeting, or simply contact me for a special hold or a different time. I certainly have enjoyed the process of bringing our quilts to the Tallahassee public, government, and arts community.

Janet Taylor



Round Robin Group



Just a reminder ... please bring your Round Robin for exchange.

Teresa B

2026 Call to Arms – Nominating Committee and Officers Needed

As the year moves along, it is time to start thinking about 2026. We need to form a nominating committee to present a slate of nominees for 2026 Officers.



If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or as a 2026 officer, please let me know.

Here is a quick recap of officer positions and requirements from our by-laws. More details about the officers' duties can be found on our website.

- The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, President-Elect, Membership Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- The officers shall be elected to serve for one year. No officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.
- No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, although an officer may chair a committee in conjunction with an office.
- Officers for the upcoming year shall be solicited by a Nominating Committee. A nominee must have been a member of the organization for at least one year and must give prior consent to the nomination.

Thanks!
Kerry Cohen

Quilt of Valor

Paula M Clark, retired United States Air Force Captain, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on June 12, 2025 at the Quilters Unlimited meeting.

Captain Clark served in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and South East Asia. She served over 20 years and received numerous medals and awards in her career. She is shown with her mother Angeline Peloso.

Her quilt was made by Donna J. and quilted by Wendy A. Presented by Robert G.



Quilt of Valor



United States Marine Corps Retired Major **Thomas C. Biondo** was awarded a Quilt of Valor on June 12, 2025 at the Quilters Unlimited meeting.

Major Biondo is a Vietnam veteran and earned two Bronze Stars among many other medals. He is shown with his wife Barbara and his Quilt of Valor which was made by Donna J. and quilted by Wendy A. Presented by Roberta G.

Quilt of Valor

Lewis Joe Claborn, a retired LT. Colonel United States Air Force, who also served in The United States Army, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on June 12, 2025 at the Quilters Unlimited meeting.

Col. Claborn served in Vietnam while he was in the Army. He was awarded numerous medals and ribbons. He is shown with his wife Peggy.

His quilt was made and quilted by Christy G. Presented by Roberta G.



Quilt of Valor



Retired Colonel **Robert S. Cohen**, who served 26 years in the United States Marine Corp, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on June 12, 2025 at the Quilters Unlimited meeting.

His overseas assignments were in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Restore Hope and Somalia. He earned numerous achievement medals as a result.

He is shown with his wife Marti and his quilt which was made and quilted by Teresa B. Presented by Roberta G.

Quilt of Valor

Retired Colonel **Siebrand Niewenhous** of The United States Marine Corps was awarded a Quilt of Valor on June 12, 2025 at the Quilters Unlimited meeting.

Randy served 26 years and took part in Iraq (Desert Storm), Persian Gulf area and Somalia. A Bronze Star is among his many medals and awards.

He is shown with his wife Susan and his quilt which was made by Roberta G. and Linda O. It was quilted by Susan S.

Presented by Roberta G.



Quilt of Valor



On June 4, 2025 a Quilt of Valor was awarded to Retired United States Marine Corps Colonel **Walter Earl Daniell**.

Colonel Daniell was instrumental in rescuing 6 Marines trapped behind enemy lines in Vietnam. He rescued four men at one location, flew to a second site, where he rescued two others while under fire. He himself was shot, but his copilot was able to fly the helicopter to safety. Colonel Daniell received numerous medals including two Purple Hearts.

A letter from President L.B. Johnson stated Daniell's courage, superb Airmanship and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps. He is shown with his wife. Presented by Roberta G.

Quilt of Valor

In May, two Navy veterans were awarded Quilt of Valor quilts for their service.

On the right, Captain **Royal Logan**, served from 1953 - 1991. He was in during Vietnam, Korean Conflict and the Cold War.

James Hoorman, E-5, middle in picture, served during Vietnam War from 1973 - 1977.

Fr. **Timothy Holeda**, left in picture, was presented a "Thank You for Your Service" quilt as he felt since he was a "desk jockey" and stateside for his time serving in the Marine Corps that others deserved the honor more. I, personally, don't believe that as you see the big smile on his face!

All of these veterans received too many awards to mention here as we would need more pages of this newsletter than permitted. We applaud each one of our veterans for their service and a great big THANK YOU!!!!



Presented by Peggy C.

Bus Trip to Quiltfest Jacksonville

The trip will take place:

Saturday, September 20, 2025



Participants will be meeting at Walmart by Costco at 7 AM to depart at 7:30 AM. We will arrive in Jacksonville at the Prime Osborne convention center between 10 and 10:15 AM. We will be boarding the bus to return to Tallahassee at 3:30 PM with an arrival time back in Tallahassee between 6 PM and 6:15 PM. Bus is equipped with a restroom however we are allowing enough time for a rest stop along the way.

Fee: \$65.00 and that includes your bus fare, driver tip, and show admission. Lunch is on your own. The fee must be paid by the close of business at our August meeting.

Refunds: Refunds are available up to the close of business of the July meeting. After that, it will be necessary to find someone to buy your seat.

Non-QU members will be invited to join our trip to help fill the seats that are still available. For additional questions or to reserve your seat, please contact Christine Walsh.

Thanks,

Christine

Steering Committee Meeting



The July Steering Committee meeting will be held on July 17th at 6:00 pm at the Leon County Main Library, First Floor – Program Room B.

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is
July 24, 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.



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Check your email spam filter, check for blocked addresses, and/or add
webmaster@quilttallahassee.com to your contact list.

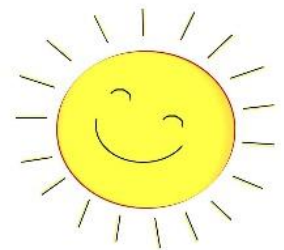
Still have problems? Email our Membership VP at membership@quilttallahassee.com.

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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Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
Jun 4 – Aug 4	QU Quilt Exhibit, City Hall Art Gallery
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
Sep 20	Bus Trip to Quiltfest Jacksonville
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

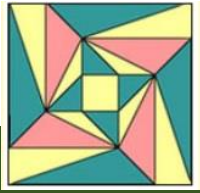
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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*

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. Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

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