

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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***Next Meeting: September 11, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting***

President's Message

Wow! Stunning! Fabulous! Amazing! So Cool!

Those were just a few of the exclamations overheard during the opening reception of our quilt show, A Walk in the Woods, at LeMoyne Arts. The exhibit showcases the wonderful creativity and craftsmanship of this guild. QU is extremely thankful to LeMoyne Arts for collaborating with the guild to host our quilt show this year. It is such an honor to have our gorgeous quilts displayed with such care and exceptional lighting. Everyone in the guild and those with items in the show should be very proud of the excellent display of artistry and helping spread to the knowledge of all the various types of quilts in the modern era.

Within the guild, I want to especially thank Pam Doffek and Karen Kunz, this year's committee chairs, for their dedication to making it a success. This was a year-long effort of planning that came to a beautiful result. Also, many thanks to Wendy Adams, who donated our lovely Opportunity quilt this year; Janet Taylor and Peggy Clark who worked all year to display and publicize the quilt to help boost donations; Marty O'Neil for coordinating the Silent Auction; and Linda Stright for collecting gallery shop items. Please invite friends and family to stop by LeMoyne to explore the galleries now through September 20th.



And if the quilt show wasn't cause enough for celebration, September is National Sewing Month. When someone asks me, "Oh, you sew?" I am quick to clarify, "No, I quilt." If you sew, you know, because the skill set to sew garments and other fabulous fabric creations is vastly different than the sewing required to piece together patchwork for a quilt. Some of the skills overlap and we quilters sew quite a bit, so happy National Sewing Month. However, my answer is still, "No, I can't hem your pants."

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

Upcoming Programs

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.

October 9, 2025 – Our very own Jennifer Darnell will explain the Regency era Huswife and provide directions for creating your own sewing kit just like Jane Austen.

November 13, 2025 – Signature quilts become popular in the mid-19th century. QU's Kerry Cohen will explore the history of this style of quilt and showcase how and why signature quilts might need to be your next quilting project this Thanksgiving.

December 11, 2025 – It's Party Time! Join us at a potluck dinner to celebrate another fabulous year of Quilters Unlimited. We will have a great time chatting with fellow quilters, awarding our Volunteer of the Year and passing the torch to our 2026 Officers.

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

Good Morning Quilts Sisters!

We still need Volunteers for the LeMoyne Show to offer tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, especially the last week of the show, Sept 12 - 19.

Please sign up at the QU Website:

<https://signup.com/go/KesaeDy>

*Thanks!
Janet*

Philanthropy – Pillowcases for Spinal Cord Unit

QU is making pillowcases for the Spinal Cord Unit. We would like the fabric to be colorful with masculine prints such as fishing, hunting, tractors, animals or anything of that nature.

Directions for the Spinal Cord Unit Pillowcases:

- Cut one yard of fabric. Trim off the selvages.
- Place the edges where the selvages had been, together with the right sides of the fabric facing out.
- Sew a quarter inch seam along these long edges and a quarter inch seam along the folded bottom edge.
- Turn the case inside out. Press.
- Along the long edge sew a seam half an inch wide. This will enclose the first seam.
- Sew a half inch wide seam along the bottom of the case, enclosing this seam.
- Turn the case so the right side of the fabric is showing.
- Along the raw edge at the top, fold the edge in toward the wrong side of the fabric and stitch a quarter inch all around the case.
- Then fold the top in four and one half inches, pin in place, and then sew.
- Trim any loose threads and the case is complete.



Please bring your finished pillowcase to the QU Meetings in September or October and give it to Roberta Granville. If you have any questions, please contact Roberta.

LeMoyne Quilt Exhibit 2025 – Interim Report

Pam Doffek & Karen Kunz, co-chairs

OK!! The Public LOVED the first week of the show. Many comments at opening reception, Friday and Saturday. "Oh, such beautiful work," "I didn't know we had quilters of this quality in our community," "What a variety of work" just to quote a few.

The logo for LeMoyne Arts, featuring the name in a stylized, cursive script.

There were close to 130 people at the reception (excellent for an opening reception at LeMoyne), including MANY non-QU members and families. This goes to the pull of the allure of all types of quilts produced by our members. Opportunity ticket "donations" looked brisk, thanks to Peggy Clark and Janet Taylor.

QUILTO---what a success story. There were 48 seats available and 46 were filled with many people using 3 cards at a time. The meek took 1 but came back for 2 more before things began. Most people hadn't heard of QUILTO (they learned quickly) and a few had never played BINGO (what tree were they hiding under)? But there were many smiles and positive interactions. Room was left between tables for people to view quilts while playing QUILTO.

Pam spent all day Friday and ½ day Saturday at the Opportunity Quilt donation desk. A modicum of tickets were sold, but the personal interaction and pointing out favorite quilts, as well as urging all visitors to get a bid number for the Silent Auction generated a spirit that just sitting at the table didn't provide. Work on some handwork (even if it's knitting) interact with visitors, be proactive; they love it.

We would like to say a special thanks for the event support that got us to opening night: Opportunity Quilt tickets and volunteer coordinators Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor; Jeanne Brenner and friends for the work to make the Marsha Walper display a success; Cathy Sandman, Challenge Quilts; Linda Stright, Gallery Shop item collection and tagging; Marty O'Neill for Silent Auction (she got 10 more items than planned, so bid sheets had to go in a binder, not on the tables)

And of course, to all the members who entered quilts. Thank-you for putting yourself and your work "out there." There wasn't a bad comment that I heard. Each and every quilt of every size was amazing and the attendees agreed wholeheartedly.

So, until the final report next month: keep quilting! And take your friends to the exhibit.

2026 Officer Nominations and Call for Help

The Nomination Committee has the following nominations for 2026 Officers to be voted on at our October Meeting:

For Secretary: Janet Taylor
For Treasurer: Cathy Sandmann.

We still need help!! Many names have been offered, however, as of yet, no one is able and willing to accept the nomination for 2026. We still need to fill the following positions:

- President
- President-Elect
- Membership Vice-President.

More details about the duties can be found on our website in the By-Laws or the Position Notebooks. If you are interested in one of these elected positions, please contact Kerry Cohen.

We also need a chair for Programs, the next Quilt Show and the next Opportunity Quilt, among other support and standing positions on the Steering Committee.

Please contact me or look at the Clipboard of Opportunity at the next meeting.

Thanks!

Kerry Cohen

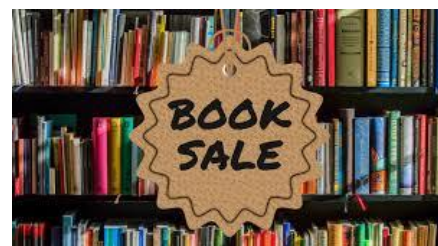


QU Library Inventory Reduction

The QU Library inventory reduction effort continues. There will be another batch of books for sale. \$2 each, cash only.

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



Quilt of Valor

On August 19, 2025, **Thomas DeMott**, former United States Air Force Buck Sergeant, was awarded a Quilt of Valor. The award took place at the art center in Thomasville, Georgia. He is shown with his wife Martha. His quilt was made and quilted by Linda and Robert Robbins who are neighbors to Mr. DeMott.



Submitted by: Roberta Granville

2025 Volunteer of the Year Award

It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited for the Volunteer of the Year Award. This award gives us a chance to say "Thank You" to an active member for generously contributing time and expertise to Quilters Unlimited.



The Entry Form has contact information and three sections to describe the nominee:

1. Examples of initiative and/or assuming responsibility & leadership in guild activities
2. Willingness to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs
3. Examples of encouraging member participation in guild-related, community activities

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. Volunteer of the Year Award Criteria.
 - a) The Volunteer of the Year 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; shows initiative and/or assumes responsibility and leadership; is willing to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs; stimulates participation in guild activities and community-related activities; and gives unselfishly of their time and effort for the benefit of the guild.
 - b) The nominee may also: serve as officer or committee chairperson and demonstrates areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other).
 - c) The Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than October 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Nomination forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are online at:

<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>

The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper.

The form must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.

Nomination Forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are due by October 1.

Contact Janet Hughes with questions about submitting nominations.

Reminder - Bus Trip to Quiltfest Jacksonville

Our 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.

Refunds: Refunds are no longer available so it will be necessary to find someone to buy your seat.

Thanks,

Christine

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **September 25, 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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Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
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, Northeast Branch 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 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

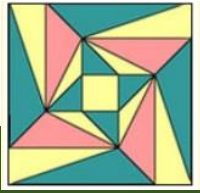
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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*



Brother CS-6000i Sewing Machine for Sale

Lightly used and in box

Price: \$120

Please contact Pam Kugler for more 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.