

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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***Next Meeting: October 9, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting***

President's Message

Yay, team!! That cheer covers a lot of areas during this time of the year. Football season is in full swing. Cheering on your favorite team while quilting is a great activity, especially in front of the TV with the A/C on. Go team!!



October has quite a few holidays to cheer about this month. Fall officially started on September 22, so this is the first full month of fall. Hopefully the temperature will get the memo soon and we can snuggle under all the quilts we have sweltered over this summer. If you are inclined to quilt cool thoughts, check out the Windham Fabrics October pattern. The beautiful tree blocks with lovely fall toned foliage makes a wonderful fall quilt project, and best of all, the pattern is free.

Another cool holiday to celebrate is Hispanic Heritage Month, which continues through October 15.

Since you've probably noticed a lot of orange pumpkins popping up, it can only mean it is Pumpkin Spice season and of course, Halloween at the end of the month. Whether you go all out with lots of scary décor or are more like me and have chubby pumpkins brightening up your house, everyone enjoys seeing the costumed trick or treaters.

And if orange isn't your color, October is your chance to celebrate and advocate with pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pink and the pink ribbon garnered attention in the mid-80s with the Susan G Koman Institute. The quilting community has created many block patterns and quilt patterns to recognize the pink ribbon campaign, including this free Windham Fabric quilt pattern. No matter what you might be stitching this month, this group is always sure to quilt it for the win! Go QU, Go!!

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

Love and Courage in Pink and October quilt patterns free from
Windham Fabrics

<https://windhamfabrics.com/products/love-and-courage-in-pink-strength-love>
<https://windhamfabrics.com/products/october-fawn-free-patten>



Upcoming Programs

Reminder: QU's social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

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

Calling all blocks that have been made but have been forgotten and not brought to the meetings (Red & White, Blue & White, and Red, White and Blue).

We now just have a block that needs no sewing!! Just a block of 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 of Red or Blue. It doesn't get any easier than this month!!

You can do it!!!!!!

Peggy Clark



2025 Opportunity Quilt Winner

Quilters Unlimited gave away our beautiful 2025 Opportunity Quilt, Arabella, at the close of our quilt show on Saturday, September 20th.

Congratulations to our lucky winner, QU member Darlene Pricher.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our opportunity quilt this year!

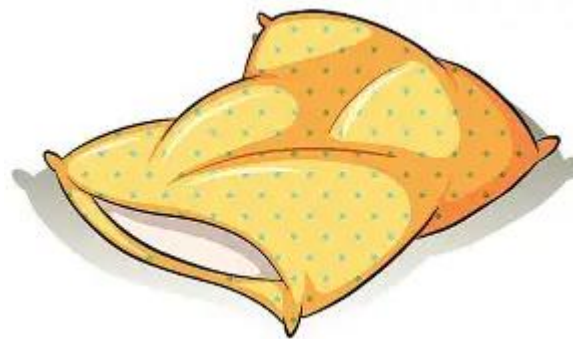


Philanthropy – Pillowcases for Spinal Cord Unit

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 October and give it to Roberta Granville. If you have any questions, please contact Roberta.

2026 Officer Election Time – We Need You!!

Quilters Unlimited still needs someone to step forward for the 2026 President and President-Elect officer positions.

The president plays an essential role in the guild functioning smoothly and the president-elect is a role to help support the president.



Please consider if you can volunteer your time to help continue the fabulous guild we have. More details about the duties can be found on our website in the By-Laws or the Position Notebooks. If you are interested, please contact Kerry Cohen.

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

Membership VP – Sue Isaac; Secretary - Janet Taylor; Treasurer - Kerry Cohen

We also need several committee chairs for 2026. Please look at the Clipboard of Opportunity at the next meeting.

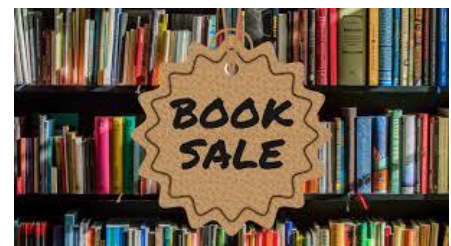
Thanks!

Kerry Cohen

QU Library Inventory Reduction

This is it! The final phase of my inventory reduction project. I will have a large selection of books for sale at \$2 each (Cash only). This group will include a number of books on machine quilting.

Once this is done, I will be preparing and publishing an updated book list. I managed to get it down to just under 300!



Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

Quilts of Valor

On August 26th a Quilt of Valor was awarded to Karen Bauer at her home in Tallahassee. Karen was a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. She was a nurse and served six years in the Army.

Recently she helped start the local Women's Veterans Group which meets in the American Legion Hall.

Her quilt was made and quilted by Teresa B.

Submitted by Roberta G.



A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Keyona Frost Williams on August 28, 2025. Keyona was in the United States Army and exited as an E4 Specialist in 2003. She received the Army Achievement Award and at one point served as a police officer at the VA Hospital here in Tallahassee.

Her quilt was made and quilted by Teresa B. She is shown with her quilt at her parent's home.

Submitted by Roberta G.

Quilts of Valor

Melissa Sheridan was Awarded a Quilt of Valor at her home in Tallahassee on August 30, 2025. Melissa was in the United States Army for 15 years and exited as a Sergeant in 2020. She took part in Operation Freedom.

At one medical base she was named Soldier of the Year and also earned several medals.

She had worked at the Tallahassee Veterans Administration and presently works at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Her quilt was made and quilted by Teresa B.

Submitted by Roberta Granville



QU in the Community

On September 28th, Michael's Arts and Crafts Store in Tallahassee hosted a celebration of National Sewing Month. Store Manager Jess Teel invited Quilters Unlimited to display our guild, quilting and answer questions from guests.

Kerry Cohen and Darlene Pricher represented the guild and interacted with many people interested in learning to quilt, share stories about family members who quilted and answer questions about washing fabric, what sewing machine is needed for quilting and many more.



Thank you, Jess Teel and Michael's for letting QU celebrate National Sewing Month!



Membership News

Guild attendance for September was 70 — the highest for the year! Membership for 2025, including renewals and new members, totals 149.

Michele Hackmeyer will be taking pictures for the 2026 Directory at the November guild meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity if you do not have a picture in the directory or if you would like an updated picture; it is very helpful to be able to put names with the faces you see at Guild meetings and activities.

Ellen Fournier

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Call for Quilts - entry deadline is October 15th. See more details at:

<https://www.havanamainstreet.com/quilts>



FANTASTIC 41st Annual QUILT SHOW

November 15-16, 2024
Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

Venetian Center

1 Dozier Court
Leesburg, FL 34748

JUDGED ENTRIES - VENDOR SHOPS - BOUTIQUE -
DEMONSTRATIONS - BASKET RAFFLE - QUILT SALES
AND MORE!

Admission \$10

Check out our website for more show information
lakequiltguild.com

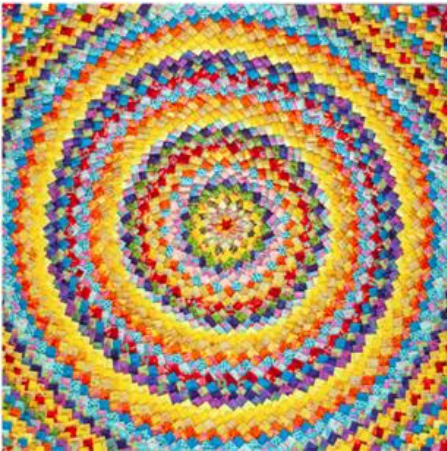
Make Friends. Make Quilts. Make a Difference.

Exhibit by QU Member: Betty Ford-Smith

QU Member, Betty Ford-Smith, will be featured in an exhibit at Appleton Museum in Ocala beginning September 5th and running for 6 months. The exhibit covers 3 rooms on the 1st floor of the Appleton Museum.

Betty's first museum show was with our guild in the Tallahassee Museum. She showed there twice and since then, her quilts are in the permanent collections of the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky; the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska; and the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. She has also written a book – Pinecone Quilts: Keeping Tradition Alive published by C&T Publishing.

Be sure to check out her exhibit !



"Under the Cover of Knowledge" highlights the work of nationally recognized Florida-based artist and quilter Betty Ford-Smith (American, b. 1951), whose hand-sewn pinecone quilts transform a traditional bed-cover into a contemporary art form.

Inspired by nature and historical artifacts, Ford-Smith's practice is both a dialogue and meditation across generations, blending her own creativity with historical knowledge of antique quilts and the contemporary techniques of fellow quilters. Her meticulous practice is one of research, technique, and muscle memory. Her labor-intensive quilts, which can take over six months to complete and involve over 4,000 individually cut and folded fabric pieces, can weigh up to 30 pounds and span up to nine feet.

The process begins with a small square at the center and radiates outward, with the final quilts visually echoing the wonders of the natural world. One can see inspiration from the rotation of stars around a galactic core, the winding rings of a pinecone's wooden scales, or even the whorls of an inky thumbprint.

Showcasing Ford-Smith's contemporary creations alongside antique examples and related works, this exhibition reveals the layered histories, cultural traditions, and artistic mastery embedded in this centuries-old art form. This exhibition invites you to see how knowledge, creativity, and community are interwoven in the timeless language of quilting.

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **October 23, 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.	
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

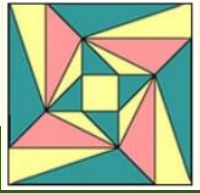
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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*

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.