

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting *CHANGE***: FIRST THURSDAY: September 3, 2026**
Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive Times: 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

Election Time - We Still Need You!!

The Nomination Committee has the following nominations for 2027 Officers to be voted on at our October Meeting: For President, Christine Walsh; for President-Elect, Carole Gentry; and for Secretary, Janet Taylor

We still need someone to step forward for the Membership Vice-President and Treasurer officer positions. 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.

The committee chair positions for 2027 are listed below with those volunteering and the open positions we still need to fill.

2027 Committee Chairs:

Annual Quilt Show 2028
Internet/Website
Newsletter/Email
Programs
Workshops
Block of the Month
Challenge Quilt
Door Prize
Equipment
Sit-n-Stitch
Sunshine

Cheryl Gratt and Karen Kunz
Sue Isaac
Kerry Cohen
Tracy Wade
Cheryl Gratt
Janet Hughes and Loui Tope
Carole Gentry
Roberta Granville and Jennifer Colley
Michele Hackmeyer
Peggy Clark
Shelley Woodyard



Open 2027 Committees:

Annual Quilt Show 2027
Opportunity Quilt 2027
Opportunity Quilt 2028
Philanthropy
Publicity/Social Media
Show and Tell
Silent Auction
Welcoming
Audit
Awards
Travel

If you are interested, please contact Peggy Clark. Thanks!



September Program

September 3, 2026 — Quilted Garments & Accessories Fashion Show

IT IS FINALLY HERE! Our program for the September 3rd meeting is the Quilted Fashion and Accessories Show! If you plan to show your make(s), please complete a show submission form and make sure Tracy has it before the show starts (after the business meeting, before Show and Tell). There will be forms on the sign in table at the start of the meeting. Each quilter will be called to the front to walk the red carpet to share their makes with the members. We can't wait to see what you all have made!

October Program

October 8, 2026 — Marcia Layton Lecture and Trunk Show called “From Handprints to Yo-Yos!”

The October meeting program will a trunk show and talk by Marcia Layton (www.marcialaytondesigns.com) who will also be providing two workshops to enjoy. Please sign up for the workshops on the QU website!

Thanks!!
Tracy Wade
Programs Chair

Membership

Thank You!
to the $\frac{2}{3}$ of our members who have paid their 2026 dues!



QU runs because of everyone's participation!

- To pay the rent (and required security guard) for our meeting room
- To pay for insurance and website hosting and our P.O. box and taxes
- For guest presenters, directory printing, distinguished quilter and volunteer of the year awards, door prizes, publicity . . . — *all the fun stuff!*

**Just \$15 for July–December dues by check/cash at a meeting
or by card on our website:**

<https://www.quilttallahassee.com/membership/forms/dues-payments/>

QU Library – Book Sale

More books will be offered for purchase at the September meeting. Categories include Scrap, Patchwork, and Traditional quilting, Machine and hand quilting, and many others.

\$2.00 cash only per book.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian



2026 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.

Upcoming Quilt Show

On behalf of QuiltFest Jacksonville, you are invited to come visit our show this year- hosted by the seven sister guilds of the Jacksonville and St. Augustine area, and themed Give Piece A Chance.

We expect over 400 quilts to hang for the exhibition, with many wonderful vendors and demos to be presented. The show will be held Thursday through Saturday, September 17th -19th, at The Prime Osborn Convention Center. Show times are 9:00am-5:00pm on Thursday and Friday, and 9:00am-4:00pm on Saturday. Regular admission tickets are \$17, senior and military are \$16, and bus group discounts are \$15. All tickets include free parking. Advance tickets are available for groups and buses, so gather your friends and come see all the traditional, modern and art quilts, and shop with the vendors.



In Loving Memory – Byrd Tribble

It is with much sadness that I relate the news that former QU member Byrd Tribble, passed away this week in Winston NC shortly after a sudden fall. She was 93. She was a most talented and celebrated quilter and friend and will be dearly missed.



Submitted by Mona L.

Friendship Star Quilters
Quilt Show
November 6th & 7th 2026



Chromatic Beauty

Pattern by: Bound to Be Quilting

Tallahassee Elks Lodge
276 N. Magnolia Dr, Tallahassee FL
Friday Nov 6th - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday Nov 7th - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\$5 Admission

Quilts by Friendship Star Quilters
Vendors
Opportunity Quilt
Boutique
Opportunity Baskets
Scrap Splash
Peddlers Table
Quilts of Valor information
Quilts for sale

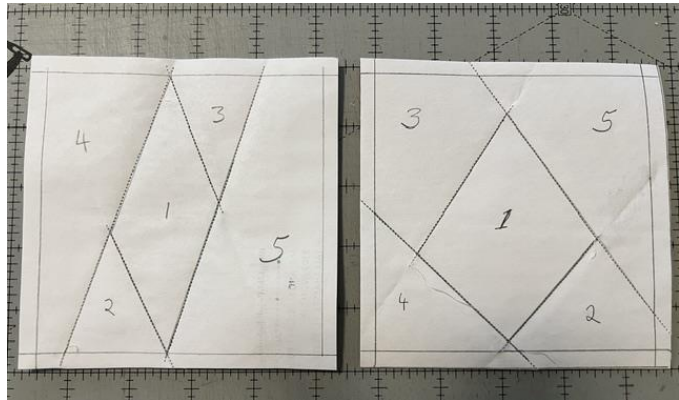
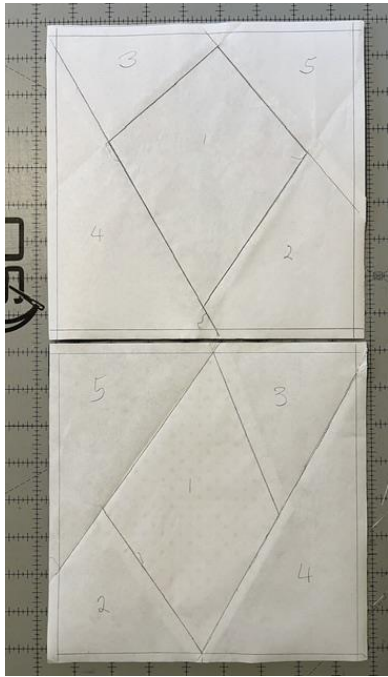


Drawings for the Opportunity quilt and baskets will be Saturday. Do not need to be present to win.

Email: friendshipstarquiltersfl@gmail.com Facebook: Friendship Star Quilters

September Block of the Month: Roughcut Diamonds

Foundation paper piecing (FPP) can be used for extreme precision, but it works for improvisation, too. This month's improv blocks start with FPP patterns that you create.



1. On copier paper or other lightweight paper, draw a square the size of your unfinished block, then draw a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance inside the edges.
2. Sketch a diamond shape inside the smaller square—it can have points at the inner edges or can be smaller.
3. Draw lines on opposite sides of the diamond all the way to the inner edges.
4. Number the sections—1 is the diamond, see the illustration for the rest of the numbers. The sections that go from edge to edge must be 4 and 5.
5. Choose your fabrics—once again contrast is important! The diamond center can be used for a print you want to highlight.
6. Construct the blocks using standard FPP technique.



Ellen Fournier
Block of the Month

October Block of the Month: Quilt Arithmetic

School is back in session and it's time to review arithmetic! It's simple to create the symbols for basic math operations in improvised quilt blocks.

Each block begins with a background fabric square a little larger than the final block size to allow for trimming, and strips of contrast fabric roughly 1" to 1.5" wide and 3 or 4 times longer than the side of the square.

To make the **addition** block you slice the block roughly in half vertically and insert a contrasting strip. Press this block and slice it horizontally roughly in half and insert another strip, making sure the vertical arms of the plus sign mostly match. Press again and trim the block to desired size.

The **multiplication** block is pretty much the same, except that the slices are diagonal!

The **division** block is a horizontal slice and insert, plus 2 dots! I appliqued the dots on with Mistyfuse and narrow stitching at the edge.

For the **subtraction** block you need to cut a strip of the contrast fabric 1.5" to 2" shorter than the finished width of the block and sew pieces of the background fabric to each end, making it as long as the background square. Slice the background square horizontally, insert the strip, and trim to the desired size.

There are other mathematical symbols that would make easy improvised quilt blocks—I'm thinking about an equal sign and some parentheses.

Ellen Fournier
Block of the Month



Havana, FL's 9th Annual Quilt Sale Event

Dear Quilt Guild Members and Fellow Creative Spirits,

On behalf of Havana Main Street, I would like to extend a formal invitation to your guild members to join us for the end of an era: The Grand Finale: Our 9th Annual Quilt Sale, honoring a legacy of talent, love, and community. For nearly a decade, master quilter Wendy Adams has poured her heart, soul, and thousands of hours into creating beautiful, timeless quilts. Throughout this journey, her dedicated team and various individuals have been instrumental in helping bring these masterpieces to life. Hundreds of their works are cherished in homes across our region and beyond. This upcoming event marks the final chapter of this journey, serving as our last annual sale and a celebration of what Wendy and her team have gifted to our community.

As fellow quilt enthusiasts, we hope that you will be able to attend this special event to celebrate with our quilters and others in the community. We have curated an itinerary for the day that we know will inspire your guild:

- An Extraordinary Showcase: Over 80 quilts will be on display and available for purchase, offering a rare opportunity to bring a piece of this legacy home.
- Linda O'Sullivan Trunk Show: A presentation featuring unique insights, history, and artistry. If you are not familiar with Linda, please look her up online—she has an incredibly interesting history that provides wonderful insight into the craft.
- A hands-on "Slow Stitch" experience: An interactive space for attendees to connect, practice, and experience the mindful, tactile joy of traditional hand-stitching. This activity has been a much-loved feature for several years and is led by Sheila Callahan.
- Quilts of Valor Presentations: A poignant ceremony where crafted quilts will be presented to our esteemed local veterans.
- Specialty Vendor Market: A diverse selection of specialized vendors selling sewing items, notions, textiles, and curated special gifts.
- More surprises: Expected to be added prior to the event.
- DATE: Saturday, October 31st, 2026
- TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- LOCATION: The newly refurbished community room at the Havana History Museum, 204 NW 2nd St in downtown Havana, FL



We would be grateful if you would share this invitation, along with the details of this finale event, with your guild members at your next meeting and via your newsletter/email.

Don't miss this final chance to celebrate Wendy Adams' historic run and the other events that are planned. We look forward to welcoming your guild to historic Havana for a beautiful day shared among those who truly understand the heart behind every stitch.

Please keep up with the event activities by visiting our social media pages where we will share information and the schedule of the day as it evolves.

Website: HavanaMainStreet.com/quiltsale and our
Facebook page: [Havana Main Street](https://www.facebook.com/HavanaMainStreet)

Warmest regards,

Tony Lombardo, Event Chair
Havana Main Street

Register for a Workshop with Marcia Layton!!!

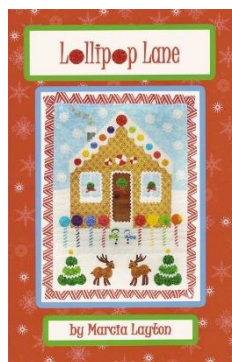
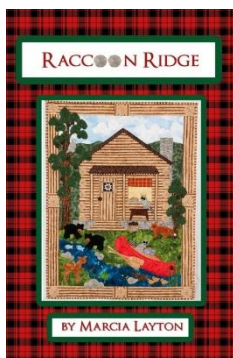
We are over ½ way to the holidays y'all! It isn't too late to whip out some great projects for gifts...or that new grandbaby...or a friend who needs a new wall hanging! Check out [Marcia Layton](#). Marcia is coming to the guild to share her creations on October 8th at our guild meeting. She is offering two workshops: one on Friday, October 9th and one on Saturday, October 10th.

October 9th workshop is a 3 hour workshop from 10-1 with your choice of one of these projects:



Class fees for the 3 hour class (Friday October 9th) are \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members. You must purchase the pattern; optional kits must be pre-purchased before the workshop.

October 10th workshop is a 6 hour workshop from 10-4 with your choice of one of these projects:



Class fees for the 6 hour workshop (Saturday October 10th) are \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. **IF YOU PLAN TO ORDER A KIT, YOU MUST ORDER IT BY SEPTEMBER 15TH TO MAKE SURE MARCIA HAS TIME TO PUT IT TOGETHER.** [Here's Marcia's website!!](#)

Naturally she will bring other patterns and fabric and notions - and all kinds of STUFF to buy...so sign up and start putting \$\$ away before October!

Click to Register on QU Website: [QU Workshop Registration](#) OR Scan the QR code...



Cheryl

P.S. As of right now we have 3 signed up for October 9th and 2 for October 10th! I hope we can hold these classes! Sign up today!

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **September 24, 2026**. 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



Follow and "Like" Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee on Facebook & stay connected.

<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>

Guild Calendar

2026	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted. 6:00pm Social / 6:30pm Meeting	
Sep 3	Guild Meeting – Quilted Garments & Accessories Fashion Show – Note: Meeting is first Thursday in September!
Oct 8	Guild Meeting – Marcia Layton – lecture and trunk show called “From Handprints to Yo-Yos!”
Nov 12	Guild Meeting
Dec 10	Guild Meeting – Potluck Celebration

2026 QU Steering Committee

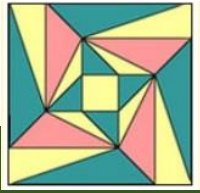
Position	2026
President	<i>Vacant</i>
President-Elect	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Kerry Cohen
Membership VP	Sue Isaac
Secretary	Janet Taylor
Auditor	Linda Robbins
Awards	Janet Hughes
Block of the Month	Ellen Fournier
Challenge Quilt	Carole Gentry
Door Prize	Wendy Adams Joanne Stock
Equipment	Michele Hackmeyer
Internet/Website	Sue Isaac
Library	Michele Hackmeyer
Newsletter/Email	Darlene Pricher
Opportunity Quilt 2026	<i>Vacant</i>
Opportunity Quilt 2027	<i>Vacant</i>
Past President	Kerry Cohen
Philanthropy	Ann Gaber and Co.
Programs	Tracy Wade
Publicity/Social Media	<i>Vacant</i>
Quilt Show 2026	<i>Vacant</i>
Silent Auction	Dawn Griffin Hanneke Hoxworth
Sit-n-Stitch	Peggy Clark
Sunshine	Shelley Woodyard
Travel	TBD
Welcoming	Ann Gaber
Workshops	Cheryl Gratt

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 Peggy Clark 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	***CHANGE OF LOCATION*** 1 st Tuesday, 11:15 am – 3:30 pm Fellowship Presbyterian Church 3158 Shamrock St. S, Tallahassee	Teresa Miller
Tuesday or Thursday	Rags2Bags	Tuesday 10 am – 2 pm OR Thursday 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Faith Community Outreach Center	Evelyn Gonzalez
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.