

# Around the Block

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## 2014 Officers

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**Challenge '14:** Deon Lewis

**City Hall Quilt Show:**

Jeanne Brenner

**Door Prizes:**

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Roberta Granville

**Historian:** Open

**Hospitality:** To be determined

**Library:** Shirley Shields

**Museum Quilt Show:**

Dawn Griffin

**Newsletter:** Vickie Hooks

**Opportunity Quilt '14:**

Linda Dozier

**Opportunity Quilt '15:**

Betty Rinkel

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**Programs:** Geni Rains

**Publicity:** Open

**Show 'n' Tell:** Hattie Pennie

**Silent Auction:** Penny Blaszczyk

**Sit 'n' Stitch Coordinator:**

Marsha Walper

**Sunshine:** Kathleen Turner

**Trip Coordinator:** Joy Vo

**Web Master:** Jennifer Moore

**Workshops:** Barbara Wiggins

**City Hall Show:** Vacant til 2015

## President's Message

A new member came up to me after the December meeting and, after saying how much she enjoyed the guild meetings, commented that it would be helpful to know what was going on at the different tables. I appreciate that kind of comment and we will do something about that at future meetings. For the moment, here is a little synopsis of the different tables you may find around the room during our monthly meetings.

First table:

- Member and Guest sign-in

Other tables along that wall:

- Door Prizes – put your name in the basket to win a prize
- Block of the Month/Raffle Block – If you made the Month's designated block, leave it at the table and put your name in the basket for a chance to win all of them. Get info on next month's block.
- Museum or Other Guild Show Info - sometimes
- Opportunity Quilt Info - sometimes

Tables at the far side of the room:

- Library – check out books from our library.
- Sew for Hope – non-profit group whose objective is to provide a handmade quilt, afghan, or blanket for every child living at the Hope Community Family homeless shelter. Kits and information available.
- Workshops – information regarding upcoming workshops

I hope this helps folks navigate our meetings. See you there!

Michele Hackmeyer, President



*Happy Valentine's Day*

## *Dates to Remember*

02/13/2014 Guild Meeting  
03/13/2014 Guild Meeting  
03/27/2014 Guild Steering Committee Meeting  
04/10/2014 Guild Meeting – Speaker: Cathy Miller (*The Singing Quilter*)  
04/11— 04/12, 2014 Workshops – taught by Cathy Miller

### **The February QU Program is all about "Green Quilting!"**

Let's get back to the roots of quilting! We'll be talking about ways to enhance your quilting through "upcycling." In an earlier age quilting was all about making useful things out of materials already on hand. That idea fits well with today's "green"- minded recycling culture. Whether it's a quilt made from old shirts, baby clothes, jeans or even bed linens, be sure to bring your favorite "green project" to show off!

Coming in March: "Ergonomic Quilting" - focusing on how to avoid repetitive stress injuries and other physical stresses associated with quilting!

### **CHALLENGE QUILT FOR 2014**

I am so excited about the Challenge Quilt for 2014! Our theme is Starry, Starry Night.

The guidelines will be available for \$5.00 at the QU Meetings. Look for me before and after the meetings to get your challenge rules. If you need them before then, please email me at [cdlewis@velocityonline.net](mailto:cdlewis@velocityonline.net) or call me at 294-3055.

*Here's a little hint:* Create a quilt based on a dream or fantasy that you have had during a wonderful starry, starry night. Incorporate at least one star into your quilt. You do not have to limit it to one star. You can put as many as you like. Feel free to think outside the box. (For example: Your dream could be about a bright sunny day at the beach and challenge yourself to put in a star or do you have a fantasy about a celebrity "star" and challenge yourself to incorporate a traditional star into your quilt). And don't forget to incorporate your NAVY blue somewhere.

Put no limits on your imagination. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE. GET STARTED TODAY!!** I cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with!! If you have never entered before, this is your year. I would love to see the walls covered in Challenge Quilts in August. ~Deon Lewis

### **KITTY QUILTS**

I have been discussing the "Kitty Quilts" given to the Tallahassee-Leon County Animal Service Center (TLCASC) with the Volunteer Coordinator for the Center, Miss Walters Grayson. Walters is thrilled with the quilts for the kitties, to the point she would like to see several of them showcased like artwork, both to brighten up the adoption area, and to draw attention to them as sometimes the quilts don't get seen in the kennels with the kitties. She would like the public to be aware of how the quilts got in the kennels with the kitties!

Walters has asked if we could make two to four "representative" quilts made for the Center to display with information about Quilter's Unlimited next to it. That way, the public could make the connection when they see the quilts to understand how they came about and who they should contact should they want to become involved.

She did say that some visually don't "make sense" when they're hung vertically so suggested that some could be designed with that in mind. And if possible, for those that have an alphabet function on their sewing machines, perhaps have "TLCASC" sewn onto into it. [Note: Perhaps those of us that do have this capability could help out the quilt-makers that don't. I will be glad to help coordinate this aspect.] Thanks everyone. Karen Skinner

**Editor's Note:** Please try to condense the articles you want to be published in the newsletter. I try to include as many as space will allow. I try not to go over 8 pages. If your article is similar to an article previously published I may not publish it again. Also, please send all request for postings to [quiltnews@gmail.com](mailto:quiltnews@gmail.com), preferable in a word document.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH for JANUARY - "Sunshine and Citrus"

Barbara Hoagland won the "Sunshine and Citrus" blocks in the first block drawing for 2014. Marsha Walper is the block designer. Hattie Pennie explained how to make the February block, "Through Tallahassee", at the January meeting. You can find instructions at the QU website [www.quiltallahassee.com](http://www.quiltallahassee.com) Click on 2014 Block of the Month, then February. Besides instructions, a link to the Feb. calendar contains a photo of Hattie's quilt with our February block in the center. A "General Instructions" link contains helpful websites for paper piecing. You can also search the internet for help, and check out some of the websites Gene Rains shared with us in last month's program. Bring a completed block to the Feb. QU meeting and enter your name to win. Please tell us at the table if you are entering your very FIRST paper pieced block.

Martha Tilden & Wendy Stone

## *Charlotte Williams' Artworks to be Featured at Artport Gallery*

Charlotte Williams, QU member and featured speaker at QU's Museum Quilt Show, has been invited to display her fiber art and drawings at the Artport gallery in the Tallahassee Airport. The Council on Culture and Art (COCA) sponsors all displays at the airport and city hall. The show is titled "Leaves, Limbs and Lichens". Dates are January 22 to March 3, 2014. Enjoy Charlotte's handcrafted quilts, wearable needlework and drawings inspired by and produced with elements found in our local landscape. These unique pieces depict and mimic bark, moss, lichen, leaves and other flora, reminding us of nature's beauty and bounty.

## Workshops

I have heard the comment about a major benefit of membership in our guild is the exposure to nationally/internationally renowned quilters and their works. I certainly agree with that sentiment.

### **April 10, 2014**

Cathy Miller, the singing quilter, is in concert at the Tallahassee Quilters Unlimited monthly meeting.

### **April 11 and 12, 2014**

Cathy Miller leads workshops for QU. 9am to 3 both days. On Friday, the workshop is a mock mola entitled "Hot and Cold II". Mola is a reverse appliqué art form/quilting technique used extensively in Central America works. The Saturday workshop is a Notan project entitled "Spitfire Notan". Notan is a Japanese form of reverse applique. We will learn a lot from her, as well as being entertained by her and John Bungee.

At the January QU meeting, a sheet was passed around for those interested in these workshops to sign. Your declaration of interest does not guarantee you a seat. Your payment ensures you a seat in all workshops. Bring your check to the February QU meeting, or mail it to me. At the meeting, I will have a table set up near the entrance to our meeting room. If you are going to mail it to me, please note, I have moved and the address in the directory is no longer valid. I am emailing those who signed up with my correct mailing address.

The guild is not quite to the point where you can pay online via PayPal, but we are working on it.

Check out Cathy's website for more information about her and her workshops. [www.singingquilter.com](http://www.singingquilter.com)

### **November 13, 2014**

Lynne Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles Quilters will be in Tallahassee. By the time she is here, she will have a new book published. It will be exciting to hear about it and see her quilting.

Lynne's/Kansas Troubles website is: [www.KTquilters.com](http://www.KTquilters.com)

### **November 14 and 15, 2014**

The exact topic of her talk with the guild and subject of the workshops is yet to be determined. As is the price of those workshops. You will see the cost contributing to the price of those workshops. Lynne is actively attempting to find a guild to share her travel expenses for her trip to Tallahassee.

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# Sit-N-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, biweekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild. **If you are interested, please call Marsha Walper.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Big Bend Hospice</b> 1:00-3:00 pm Virginia Lewis	<b>Sew for Hope</b> 2nd Tuesday 1:00 - 4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	<b>Crazy Quilters</b> Monticello Library 1:00 - 4:00 pm Barbara Sheats	<b>Sew Arty</b> 3rd Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm Kathleen Turner	<b>Thimble Buddies*</b> 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone	<b>Sew for Hope</b> 1st Saturday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm Cynthia Seyler
<b>The Quilting Bees</b> Senior Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>McQuilters</b> Ronald McDonald 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Dozier	<b>Pin Pals *</b> 1st & 3rd Wed. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Steans	<b>Patchwork &amp; Prayer</b> 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker	<b>"Quilts 'n Books"</b> 4th Friday, exp. Dec. 10:00 am T-ville Rd Panera Bread Joy Vo or Marsha Walper	<b>Second Saturday</b> 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane
<b>Southwood Stitchers</b> 10:00—3:00 pm Southwood Community Center Bring own lunch bag, drink and desserts provided. Nancy O'Rourke			<b>Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety *</b> 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7:00 -9:00 pm Esther Weiner		<b>Havana Sit 'n Stitch</b> 4th Sat. 1:00 pm Martha Mitchell
* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity <b>Sew Arty (Art Quilts)</b> 3rd Thursday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (bring own lunch 11:30-12:00, meeting starts at noon) Envision Credit Union, 440 North Monroe Street Contact: Kathleen Turner					

## **New Sit-n-Stitch Group**

### **Quilts-n-Books**

Join Quilts-n-Books, QU's newest Sit-n-Stitch group, and get to know a new quilting friend, who shares your other favorite past time. Reading!

**When:** 4th Friday of the month at 10 a.m.

**Where:** Panera Bread - Thomasville Road location.

(Enjoy a complimentary small coffee or tea w/purchase for QU members.)

Come join the book discussion by reading the quilt-themed selections prior to meeting dates. Remember to bring along your handwork.

See Joy Vo (in the member directory) for information or questions.)

### **Quilts 'n Books - Reading Lineup**

February 21 (\*note date changed, to 3rd Friday) - "The Persian Pickle Club" by Sandra Dallas

"A colorful exploration of Depression-era Kansas and the meaning of friendship." --"Where a group of local ladies are dedicated to improving their minds, exchanging gossip, and putting their quilting skills to good use."

March 28 - "Every Quilt Tells a Story" by Helen Kelley

"Snippings, threads, and scraps of everyday life, effortlessly stitched together to create a narrative to which every quilter can relate. Each piece--from the humorous to the heartwarming--touches your soul and makes you smile, reminding you of your own passion for quilts and the stories they tell."

(Author of "Loose Threads" column in "Quilter's Newsletter Magazine.")

April 25 - "How to make an American Quilt" by Whitney Otto

(\* Mtg. held at the home of Kris Kolb, book discussion & feature film adaptation, popcorn included!)

"An exploration of women of yesterday and today, who join together in a uniquely female experience, as they gather year after year, their stories, their wisdom, their lives, form the pattern from which all of us draw warmth and comfort for ourselves."

Come join us. - Fourth Friday of the month, 10am, Panera Bread, Thomasville Road (unless otherwise noted). Contact person Joy Vo.

## **Quilt Trips, Travel and FuN Shopping Opportunities** **Joy Vo, Trip Coordinator**

Several members are making plans to attend the Savannah Quilt Fest in Savannah, Georgia. Show dates are March 27-30. This would be an overnight - two/three night trip. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me, Joy Vo, asap via email or phone. (see member directory)

A day trip to Suzanne's in Moultrie is being planned. I am interested in hearing from you. If you have ideas, or information regarding quilt related trips or travel, to attend shows, classes and shopping, please contact me or see me at the guild mtg.

\*\* Mark your calendars - September 27 is QU's bus trip to Jacksonville Quilt Fest!

## **Thinking Ahead**

While it may seem very early to be thinking about volunteering for the many Committee Chair and Officer positions in 2015, I'd like to encourage you to do so. We already have several volunteers for 2015, for which I am much appreciative. The Guild needs you!

Karen Skinner, 2014 President-elect

## MONTHLY 8-1/2" Fabric Square Exchange for 2014

For those that have signed up to participate in our Fabric Square Exchange for this year, I am including a list of names of those in each group, in case you would like to know who is in your group, and how many there are in that group. If there are any changes during the year I will keep you informed.

### Group A-1 (13 members)

Cheryl Willis  
Elizabeth Hawker  
Candy Miller  
Era Singer  
Cheryl Gratt  
Lorna Fisher  
Kim Crum  
Doris Hebert  
Martha Mitchell  
Cindy Burdeshaw  
Christine Sumonetti-Walsh  
Valerie Kleiss  
Caryl Pierce

### Group A-2 (14)

Cheryl Willis  
Elizabeth Hawker  
Candy Miller  
Era Singer  
Cheryl Gratt  
Lorna Fisher  
Kim Crum  
Doris Hebert  
Martha Mitchell  
Cindy Burdeshaw  
Marcha Beane  
Selena Foo  
Barbara Ahlbrandt  
Stephanie Guttman

### Group B-1 (14)

Dawn Griffin  
Jennifer Moore  
Gail Tedder  
Susan Dickerson  
Gail Walker  
Peggy Clark  
Geni Rains  
Wanda Crowe  
Peggy Allen  
Judy Harrison  
Linda Davis  
Judy Stricklin  
Lin Thompson  
Shirley Shields

### LIST #1 - (no solids please)

Jan. – a blue fabric  
Feb. – a red fabric  
Mar. – a green fabric  
Apr. – a pastel fabric  
May – a landscape fabric  
June – a fabric with dots  
July – a yellow fabric  
Aug. – a purple fabric  
Sept. – a striped fabric  
Oct. – an orange fabric  
Nov. – a batik fabric  
Dec. – a black and white fabric

### LIST # 2

Jan. – a pet animal fabric  
Feb. – a baby/nursery print  
Mar. – a wild animal fabric  
Apr. – a fruit or veggie fabric  
May – a water or blue sky fabric  
June – shells, beach print, or sand-colored fabric  
July – a patriotic print  
Aug. – a school-themed print  
Sept. – a kids/children's print  
Oct. – a manly print or plaid  
Nov. – a Fall fabric  
Dec. – a Winter scene or Christmas fabric

Please choose a good, quilt-quality fabric. A one-yard cut will be ample for cutting out the required number of 8-1/2" squares, but you should not have to use the entire yard (no need to bring any extra squares). If you are unable to bring a month's fabric squares, but wish to have that month's squares, just bring the squares for the month you missed to the following meeting, and we should have the last month's squares available for you to take home. If you have any questions please call Cheryl Willis, or Elizabeth Hawker.

Make sure your gallon-size zip-lock is labeled with your name, group number, and the month that a particular fabric is due. If you find extra squares in a bag when you pick it up, it is probably from the last month, due to a person missing that meeting and bringing it in later; just add it to that month's squares when you get home.

### **QU Resource List**

We would like to provide our members with a quilter's resource list.

Is there a quilt-related service that you provide? Do you know someone that provides a quilt-related service? Give us the service provided, the name, phone number and email address and we will include you on the list. If you are giving us someone else's info, please be sure they are aware and OK with that. This will be provided to members at meetings and perhaps on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Hackmeyer

## QU Quilt Show at the Lemoyne Center for the Visual Arts August 2014

**A new event for the display of our best quilts is happening in downtown Tallahassee this summer.**

The Lemoyne Center for the Visual Arts was created 50 years ago to promote and display art in our community. Please get involved by entering your best creations for this show.

**Applications will be available starting in February.** If you can not attend a meeting, please contact Jeanne Brenner to have an application sent to you.

Because of space restrictions this show will be juried by a three person panel.

Give your quilt(s) the best chance to get in with **good photography**....

For each entry you will need one photo of the entire quilt and one close up/ detail photograph.

There is no charge for submitting an application...please enter several of your best!

There will be a hanging fee of \$5.00 per quilt, to help defray the expenses of the show.

**Any style quilt is welcome.**

A few antique quilts are needed for display to help celebrate the golden anniversary of the founding of the Lemoyne Center.

If you wish to sell your quilt at the show, it can be displayed with your price, including a 40% commission to Lemoyne...there is no pressure to do this. Just an opportunity.

**Applications are due back by June 12, Thursday night QU meeting.**

Notification to all entrants of their status by July 1.

**Quilt turn in at Lemoyne on July 26, a Saturday morning.**

**Show opens Friday, August 1.**

**Opening night reception from 6 PM - 9 pm**

Lemoyne is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 PM.

Closed Sundays and Mondays.

**Quilt Show ends Saturday, August 30.**

**Quilt pick up on Monday, September 1.** If this date is a problem for you, talk to Jeanne.

Quilts should have a sleeve and hanging board. This is a different system than the City Hall Quilt show. A flat board is needed, rather than a rod with eyehooks. The size of the support board is dependent on the size/ weight of your quilt.

Most quilts will be hung on the walls with nails through the ends of the board. Please make your sleeve about 2 inches narrower than the width of your quilt, to allow room for the hanging process.

**Please plan on participating and visiting this show to celebrate the creativeness and tenaciousness of our guild members.**

### Workshops—Continued

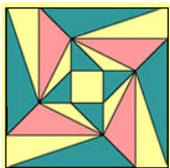
**2015 Spring** Suzanne from Suzanne's Quilt Shop in Moultrie, GA. If you don't know about Suzanne or haven't visited her shop, check out her website at: [www.suzannesquilts.com](http://www.suzannesquilts.com)

**Fall** Becky Goldsmith from Piece 'O Cake Quilting. Check her and her quilting at: [www.pieceocake.com](http://www.pieceocake.com)

**2016** There are no confirmed speakers/teachers for 2016. Several more have been, or will be, contacted. Those in the mix are Karen K Stone from Beaumont, TX, Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilts, Grannie Suzannie (many of you have met her at Jacksonville Quilt Fest). Joan Shay, Sharon Chambers, Valarie Godwin and Gyleen Fitzgerald, as well as others are also under consideration for 2016.

Our workshops fulfill part of QU's purpose: "to promote knowledge of and interest in quilting, and the art of quilt making. When you attend a workshop, it's a multipurpose trip. You learn, you are likely entertained, even if only in a small way you become a better quilter, and you support QU.

Take a workshop. Have fun. Learn.



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# **Submit Info for Newsletter!**

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**the 25th of the month.**

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