

Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee

Around The Block

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January 2017

Next Meeting: January 12th Social Hall at Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive,
Tallahassee Florida The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

2017 Officers:

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Block Of Month: Wendy Stone
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Helping Hands: Stephanie
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Capital City Quilt Show: Betty
Rinkel
Newsletter: Karen Skinner
Opportunity 2017: Karen Kunz
Opportunity 2018: Marsha
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Philanthropic: Judy Rainbrook,
Stephanie Rubanowice
Programs: Barbara Wiggins
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Show & Tell: Roberta Granville
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Workshops: Jeanne Brenner

President's Message

Happy New Year, fellow Quilters,

It is with great pride and honor that I serve as president of the 2017 *Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee*.

Thanks to the fantastic leadership of Pam Doffek and last year's leadership team, the Quilters Unlimited had an exciting and productive year. I am inspired by the number and quality of QU's accomplishments over the past few months.

Way to go, members! I thank all of you that have taken on leadership roles.

I propose we adopt a theme this year of "Enhancing Friendship through Fellowship," which is the key component of what makes Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee such a great organization. The memories we make together will help us form wonderful friendships. Membership is the heart of our organization, so I encourage all of you to participate in our club's activities of classes, workshops, Sit and Stitch, Quilt shows and other projects and membership activities. By sharing your skills, competencies and experience, you provide invaluable resources for the club's membership.

This year, we have a great line-up of programs and guest speakers for each of our club meetings. On behalf of Steering Committee, thank for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee.

Peggy Allen

Reminder - Dues

The dues for 2017 are due no later than the January meeting. Dues are \$30 for the year. Please bring your check made out to Quilters Unlimited or cash to the Membership table. You can also pay on line through PayPal at the Quilters Unlimited web site.

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<http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/dues-payments/>

Programs for 2017 - by Barbara Wiggins

Are you ladies, and gents, in for a treat, or what? Yes, I missed the Nominating Committee meeting and was "volunteered" to do the Programs for Quilters Unlimited one more time.

Just what is planned for 2017? From "getting to know you", back to basics, a few giggles, grins and lots of fun, to more than a few learning experiences, these are all on the calendar for you. For some months, you will have a warning ahead of time as to what we'll be doing; for other months, there will be an element of surprise. Some of the programs will be interactive. As in, you'll be part of the program. Others will be more traditional in nature.

I am looking forward to seeing you in January. The hint for the month is: **Fruit Basket.**

Photo Time Again!

It's time to make or update photos for our directory. Michele Hackmeyer will be near the sign-in table to take your picture, so look your best.

Remember these photos are only for use in the directory, no one else will see them. With a group as big as ours, it really helps to have these photos to put a name with a face.

2017 Block of the Month

The weather outside may be frightful, but that just makes quilting indoors delightful. Take advantage of the winter weather doldrums and get a jump on the 2017 blocks of the month. The number of blocks collected always decreases during the summer months, but our need for enough blocks to make a twin sized quilt top will not diminish. All the information that you need is posted on the website. You can even turn them in early...but not late.

January – The January Shoo-fly block is big and easy. If you haven't made one, you still have time. Use either yellow-and-white prints or gray-and-white prints in this 12 ½ inch block. Bring your completed block to the January meeting. We hope to collect enough for a twin size quilt top that will be donated to Sew for Hope.



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February – Girly Girl, Diva! (pink, black and white)

Ooh la-la! The colors say it all. We are creating a girly girl, diva style quilt top for a teenage girl. This block will be your choice of a variety of sizes and techniques with the stipulation that your block can only use the colors pink, black and white and must use all three colors.

Think about girly things: flowers, hearts, purses, shoes, tiaras for instance. Create a block with any form of applique that you like. Applique not your thing? Look at your pink, black and white fabrics and make any pieced block with all three colors. The pictures below are some examples and the website has a few patterns posted.

You are not limited to only those patterns. Please see the instructions on the website for sizes and ideas. Also, stop by the block of the month table for some applique patterns and inspiration.



Wendy Stone and Dawn Griffin, Co-chairs, 2017 BOM

Congratulations and Thank You from Quilter's Treasure!

The winner of the December Quilter's Treasure is Pat Klein, a new guild member! Pat enjoys doing foundation paper piecing and has made some beautiful Judy Niemeyer quilts.

Thanks to the guild for your donations of wonderful quilt-related items, fabrics, and books that filled the four Quilter's Treasure baskets. Special thanks to all the guild members, who supported our efforts by purchasing tickets for the chance to take home a basket.

The 2016 Quilter's Treasure did not spend the \$275.00 allotted to it in the guild budget and relied totally on your donations. We raised \$1,402.00 for Quilters Unlimited in 2016!

Marsha Walper

Look for New Quilter's Treasure at January Meeting!

Come to the Quilter's Treasure table during the social time (6:30 - 7:00) to buy tickets for this wonderful basket of new treasures (in original packaging), hand-made items, and fabrics.

Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for ten tickets.

In the Quilter's Treasure, you will find a quilt kit by Ricky Tims (his hand-dyed fabric included), a Moda Tin kit (fabric, directions, & CD included), a Jellyroll of 24 black and white fabrics, Magic Mirrors by Marti Michell, books, two 5,000 meter spools of quilting thread, "I Spy" fabric squares, a Quilt Sense Short Cut Ruler (3" x 9"), and more!

At the guild meeting, all the treasures are on a list in front of the basket!

Check with Linda Brooks if you have questions.

Letter from Tallahassee Museum

We received a letter from Linda Deaton, Chief Curator for the Tallahassee Museum, regarding the "Market Days Raffle Quilt" that guild members Lillian Anthamatten, Jeanne Billings, Jeanne Brenner, Michele Hackmeyer, Karen Kunz, Judy Lawrence, and Wendy Stone worked on.

Linda said, "Terese Combs is the happy winner of the "Wingin It-3" quilt. The raffle brought in \$1,022 for the Museum's Collections/Exhibits Department. Thank you all again for donating the beautiful quilt and supporting the Museum."

Quilt Show - by Pam Doffek

YES, an AQS show is right here...in Daytona Beach !!! It's a great time to make it to a great show and lass opportunity. The American Quilt Society (AQS) show is in Daytona Beach March 1-4, 2017.

Registration for non-members and members alike is open NOW. If you aren't a member, sign up the membership gets you "member" registration and the savings is worth the cost. Here is the link to the main quilt show page: <http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/daytona/>

Click on "Instructors" or "Education" in the center of the page to see information about classes and the instructors. The classes fill up quickly so sign up soon! Towards the bottom of the page are links to more information about the show including lodging, vendors, and special exhibits.

Several of us went last year and had a great time...wonderful classes, great lectures and MARVELOUS exhibit hall and quilts on display.



...And Another Quilt Show

Another show in our neighborhood is "QuiltCon". This is the annual quilt show and conference produced by The Modern Quilt Guild, and it's happening in Savannah, Georgia on February 23-26, 2017.

2017 Opportunity Quilt

In progress



2018 Opportunity Quilt **"Out of the Blue"**

Even though the Opportunity Quilt for 2017 is not completed, the quilt for 2018 has been planned. Linda O'Sullivan has designed a beautiful Storm at Sea quilt to go along with the theme of the show, "Out of the Blue."

Contact Marsha Walper for more information.

Sentimental Journey 2017 Guild Challenge Announcement

Expressive feeling or attitude toward something is the definition of sentiment. Sentimental, then, is expressive of or appealing to sentiment or a feeling. Especially tender emotions and feelings, such as love, pity, nostalgia: as in a song, old photograph, old lace, grandma's hanky.

Journey is a passage or progress from one stage to another. Do you remember the song "Gonna Take a Sentimental Journey". . . ?

Sentimental Journey is the guild challenge theme for 2017. As you reflect on your life, what is your sentimental journey?

- A milestone anniversary?
- Birthday?
- Your first quilt?
- Your quilting journey?
- Do you remember your first quilt or those first blocks you made?
- Watching your grandmother, mother or a good friend quilting?
- Do you have something sentimental tucked in a drawer: grandma's old sewing box, your sewing box?

Guild Challengecontinued

- A piece of lace, vintage fabric, an old hankie, or old buttons that stirs memories of days gone by.
- Or it could be from our nation's history or as personal as a life event. It could be from 100's of years ago, or last month.

The challenge is open to both our traditional quilters and our art quilters—new quilters and experienced quilters.

Entry can be made by single individual or a team of 2. Please does not tell anyone if you are a team. Even the challenge committee does not want to know! As always, keep your challenge a secret.

To find out more about the challenge, you can purchase your challenge rules from Co-Chairs Linda Stright and Hazel Walker who will be sitting at the Challenge table before/during/after our meetings. You may purchase these rules for \$5.00 starting at the January meeting 2017.

Each person must pay for the rules (if on a team of two –each person pays).

This is a fundraiser for our guild but also a fun way for us quilters to challenge ourselves. We would like to see many Sentimental Journey quilts turned in for guild member voting and for the museum show. We do not know when the Museum show will be yet. Based on last year, we are planning to vote on the Challenge at the July's monthly QU meeting.

Philanthropic Activities

4H Sewing Club

Evelyn Gonzalez is looking for volunteers to help teach a new 4H Sewing Club starting in January 2017. The club will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the 4H office on 615 Paul Russell Rd. The club won't meet during the summer.

This new Sewing Club is already full -- there's that much interest from young sewers in our community!

No need to make a yearlong commitment -- just sign on for a month of meetings and then rotate out. Or, join us for the entire time - it's up to you.

Please contact Evelyn at 850-942-7665 or evelynjgonzalez@gmail.com if you're interested in passing your skills & love of sewing to the next generation!



Classes by Guild Teachers – **Please contact Jeanne Brenner to register.**

Saturday, February 4th, 2017

Art Quilts, by **Deon Lewis** at the Woodville Community Center.

Two different sessions will be held on the same day.

In the morning, 10:30 to Noon, Deon will discuss her process to create unique art quilts.

The afternoon session from 1:30 to 4:00, will be a hands-on work shop to create your own blue jay wall hanging.

You may register for either session or both.
Morning lecture \$15. Afternoon Workshop \$20.
Workshop limited to 20 students.



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Monday, February 27th

Smashing Sets, by **Sharon Pollock**, in her home.

Learn how to design a quilt using your orphan blocks.

Organize your UFO s to best advantage and make room for more.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is \$20, with proceeds to benefit the guild

Class size is limited to 12.

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Saturday morning, March 25th, 2017

Hand Applique', by **Shelley Bertels**, at the Chaires Community Center

If you have been afraid to jump into a hand applique project, let's change that!

Come learn the basic techniques of hand applique.

Fee: \$20 for this 3 hour class.

All proceeds benefit the guild.

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Saturday afternoon, March 25th, 2017

Bargello, by **Jeanne Brenner**, at the Chaires Community Center

Is there a Bargello quilt in your future?

Come learn the basics of strip quilting to make a fast and easy quilt top.

Fee: \$20. All proceeds will benefit the guild.

Classes.....continued

Wool Applique Parrot again!

The first class filled up so quickly and was such a success, **Lucy Patrick** is willing to teach this workshop again.

Cost is \$30 for a 6 hour class, plus a \$5 kit fee.

Class fees will benefit the guild.

Time and place to be set once enrollment is met.

Maximum 10 students per class.



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Saturday, July 8th, 2017

A New Technique: Beautiful Folded Star Blocks, by Margaret Boeth, at the Woodville Community Center

Margaret Boeth brought some of her fascinating, folded star blocks to the November guild meeting.

Now she has agreed to share this fast and fun technique with us on Saturday, July 8. Use your scraps to make two different star patterns. Warning: it may be addictive.

Little sewing is required and may be accomplished by machine or by hand.

Class Fee: \$20, all proceeds to benefit the guild.

Time: 10:15 am to 1:15 PM; 3 hour class



Paper Piecing, by Jeanne Brenner, at the Woodville Community Center

Don't miss out on a world of sharp points and beautiful patterns. Learn how to paper piece. A small project will teach you the basics.

Class fee: \$20, all proceeds to benefit the guild.

Time: 2 PM to 5 PM; 3 hour class



Volunteer teachers?? -- by Jeanne Brenner

If anyone enjoys the art of hand quilting and is willing to share their knowledge, several members have expressed a desire for a class.

Other suggestions for future classes are welcome, whether it is a technique you would like to learn or a skill you are willing to share.

Thank you to all who have supported the guild by teaching and participating in workshops this year. It is wonderful to see the knowledge and experience being passed on to others and to feel the excitement of learning. Great job everyone!

Workshops

Sharon Chambers

May 11th, 2017 Guild Meeting Lecture

Come listen to a master quilter talk about her quilts and her designing process at our Thursday, May 11 guild meeting.

Details from two of Sharon's award winning quilts



Schambers Workshops on May 12 and May 13, 2017

To allow the more guild members the opportunity to participate, registration will be limited to one class per person until February 1, 2017.

If the classes are not full at that time, it may be possible to register for the second class. Please, let Jeanne know if you are interested in being on a waiting list.

Designing for the Quilting Process

Friday May 12 - 6 Hour Workshop

Time: 10:15 am to 5:15 PM

Woodville Community Center

Learn how to draft designs for your quilts...no sewing in class.

Class fee: \$80, includes \$15 kit fee



Workshops.....continued

Calla Lily Workshop

Saturday May 13

Time: 10:15 am to 5:15 PM - 6 Hour Workshop

Woodville Community Center

Piec-liqué Curved seams have always been used in quilting. Until now they have been for the more advanced quilter. This class teaches you an easy and accurate way of sewing curved seams. Use this contemporary design to explore this technique.

Class fee \$80, includes \$15 kit



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Seminole Style Patchwork

Kay Smith of Ocala will share her experience and knowledge of Seminole Patchwork at our **September 14th guild meeting**. Kay has used her patchwork strips in a number of different ways, including: as quilt borders, on accessories, as wearable art, and for entire quilts.

Six hour workshops will be held on the **Friday, September 15th** and **Saturday, September 16th** at the **Woodville Community Center**. To maximize the opportunity for member participation, the same workshop is being taught on both Friday and Saturday.

Four or five 5 different beginning patterns will be taught.

Class fee is \$35.



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Workshops.....continued

May 2018

Suzanne Marshall is coming to Tallahassee in May 2018.

Suzanne has been inspired to create unique quilts from by work and creatures from around the world. Her use of rich colors and detailed embellishments breathes life and excitement into her work.

Two Suzanne Marshall books are available from the guild library: *Adventure & Appliqué* and *Quilts From Concept to Contest*.

Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss out on this extraordinary quilter's lecture and workshops.

Newsletter Info

The **deadline** for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

January 30th, 2017

Please submit materials to Karen Skinner via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com

Here are some Guidelines for articles:

- We prefer not to publish personal email addresses or phone number. We refer members to the Directory, instead.
- When submitting the information via e-mail, please place in the subject line "QU – For Month Newsletter" – "Subject of Article" (what the month your article refers to, and what is the subject of the article). Submit photos as an attachment, not embedded in the text (although you should have a note within the article where the photo should go -- I'll edit out the note and insert the photo).
- There is only one version of the Newsletter prepared, not one for Web-blasts and one for the Website.
- if you want the article/information in the website, it must be sent separately to Sue Isaac the Website Coordinator, at >> webcoord@quilttallahassee.com

Newsletter Mail-outs

To receive a mailed newsletter, you must provide the Newsletter Editor with a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) for every Newsletter you wish mailed to you.

The Newsletter editor requests that you provide enough envelopes to match the remainder of the Guild year (which ends in December). In January, assuming you are still a member, you would provide a new cycle of SASEs. Please do not expect the Newsletter Editor to remind you when you are running out of submitted envelopes.

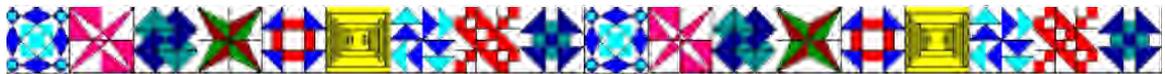
Are You Missing E-mail Blasts from the Guild?

We've learned that when some of the members have not received their "Blasts", their e-mail host frequently thinks the article is SPAM. Here are two possible fixes for the members:

1. Check your SPAM filter and mark the email as "not SPAM";
2. (BEST) Enter the name of the sender into your contacts list -- for the blasts, the sender almost is webmaster@quilttallahassee.com.

If you still are not getting notifications, e-mail the Newsletter Editor, who helps the Webmaster keep an eye on the Mailchimp-based Blast system. Sometimes, we may have typed something in incorrectly into the system.

And always remember to let us know if your email address has changed.



Sit-n-Stitch Groups

“Sit-n-Stitch” groups meet weekly, biweekly or once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual projects. Other groups meet at a specified location and work on service projects. There are several types of groups in the guild. **If you are interested in joining a group or starting a new group, contact Marsha Walper.**

Monday	Big Bend Hospice	1-3 pm	Virginia Lewis	
	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence	
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Nancy O'Rourke	
Tuesday	McQuilters @ Ronald McDonald	1-3 pm	Carol Harrison	
Wednesday	Crazy Quilters @ Monticello Library	1-4 pm	Georgianna Joseph	
	Pin Pals#	1 st & 3 rd Wed. 1-3 pm	Linda Steans	# at full capacity
	Piecers of the Past	2 nd & 4 th Weds 1-3 pm	Mary Catherine Scott	
Thursday	Sew Arty	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Linda Stright	
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Lascella Ingram	
	Southern Comfort “Sew”ciety	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 7-9 pm	Esther Weiner	
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 rd Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Mary Catherine Scott	
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 nd Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner	
	Sew Darn Happy# (hand sewing)	3 rd Thursday 9:30-11:30 am	Dawn Griffin	# at full capacity
Friday	Thimble Buddies#	2 nd Friday 9:30-11:30am	Wendy Stone	# at full capacity
	Frayed Edges#	9:30am-12pm	Sharon Pollock	# at full capacity
	Quilts 'n Books @ NE Library	4 th Fri. 10 am-12 pm	Joy Vo	
Saturday	Sew for Hope	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 9 am - 3 pm	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook	
	Second Saturday	2 nd Sat 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane	
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 th Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell	
Varying	Midtown Sit 'n Stitch	Saturdays or Sundays; time and location vary	Karen Skinner	

<i>Guild Calendar</i> (subject to change)		
2017		
Jan 12th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Jan 30th	Deadline for February Newsletter articles	
Feb 4 th	Class: Art Quilts - two classes	Woodville Community Center
Feb 9th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Feb 27th	Class: Smashing Sets Class, by Sharon Pollock	Pollock home
March 9th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 25 th	Class: Hand Appliqué by Shelley Bertels, (morning); Class: Bargello, by Jeanne Brenner (afternoon)	Chaires Community Center
Apr 13th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 11th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 12 & 13	Workshops by Sharon Chambers	
June 8th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 8th	Class: Beautiful Folded Star Blocks, by Margaret Boeth Class: Paper Piecing, by Jeanne Brenner	Woodville Community Center
July 13th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
August 10th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 14th	Guild Meeting - Seminole Style Patchwork	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 15th & 16th	Workshops by Kay Smith	
Oct. 12th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov. 9th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Dec. 7th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
2018		
May 10th	Guild Meeting with Lecture by Suzanne Marshall	

Classified Ads moved to separate document