



Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee

Around The Block

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February 2017

Next Meeting: February 9th 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:

President: Peggy Allen
President-Elect: Denise Vinson
Membership Vice-President:
Laura Keller
Secretary: Kerri Cohen
Treasurer: Heather Strickland

2017 Chairpersons

Awards: Marsha Walper
Audiovisual: Betty Rinkel
Block Of Month: Wendy Stone
Challenge: Linda Stright
Door Prizes: Roberta Granville
Helping Hands: Stephanie
Guttman
Library: Jeanne Brenner
Capital City Quilt Show: Betty
Rinkel
Newsletter: Karen Skinner
Opportunity 2017: Karen Kunz
Opportunity 2018: Marsha
Walper
Philanthropic: Judy Rainbrook,
Stephanie Rubanowice
Programs: Barbara Wiggins
Publicity: Kerry Cohen
Quilters Treasure: Linda Brooks
Show & Tell: Roberta Granville
Silent Auction: Cheryl Willis
Sit&Stitch: Marsha Walper
Special Events: As needed
Sunshine: Sue Skornia
Trip Coord: Peggy Clark
Web Coord: Sue Isaac
Welcoming: Sue Skornia
Workshops: Jeanne Brenner

President's Message

I really enjoyed playing "Two Truths and Lie" at the January meeting. Some of us came up with believable lies making it hard to guess what they were lying about. Others just couldn't tell a believable lie. By the laughter that filled the room all of the groups were having a good time getting to know each other better. With a current membership list of 161 members, getting to know members is a challenge. I came to my first Guild meeting with friends who were members; I remember feeling overwhelmed by the crowded room and all the new faces. I did go to a newcomer's get-acquainted reception which helped me to feel more comfortable with the group. Of course, I did meet someone new and by the end of the day we had made plans to go to a Quilt Retreat together. She has become one of my best friends. We are planning on several activities that will allow us all to get to know each other better.

Your President.....Peggy Allen

Steering Committee Meetings for 2017

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM

March 21, 2017
May 16, 2017
July 18, 2017
September 19, 2017
November 21, 2017

Dear Members of Quilters Unlimited,

A proposal was presented at the January Steering Committee meeting to change the Article IV Section 2 of the Bylaws. This proposal will be announced at the February Guild meeting and will be voted on at the March Guild meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Peggy Allen
President of Quilters Unlimited

Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee Bylaws
Article IV – Officers
Section 2

Current Wording:

Section 2. The officers shall be elected to serve for one year. No officer may hold the same office for three consecutive years.

Proposed change (changes are in red) Individual officers shall be elected to serve for one year terms, and may be reelected to serve additional terms. However, no officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years, with exception of the Treasurer who may hold the position longer than 3 years as long as the Guild and Treasurer are in agreement.

Programs for 2017 - by Barbara Wiggins

Half Square Triangles - How many ways can you make them? What to do with them?
Let's take a look at one of the more widely used quilt sub-units.

Quilter's Treasure

The Quilter's Treasure will be on display during the social time (6:30-7:00) during each guild meeting. Come visit to see all the great treasures that could be yours. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 10. What a bargain for such a wonderful basket of treasures. There will be a new basket of treasures each quarter. The drawings will be held during the guild meetings in the months of March, June, September, and December. You do not need to be present to win, you just need to buy your tickets. Tip: Use address labels to get your name on your tickets quickly.

Please come by to see me and buy your tickets. Linda Brooks

Door Prizes - by Roberta Granville

Congratulations to January's Door Prize winners: Judy Harrison, Darlene Pricher, Mary Stegman, Judy Stricklin, Martha Tilden and Hazel Walker.

Many thanks to those members who have already stepped forward and donated items for door prizes. Your generosity will make it possible to provide more prizes and more expensive items.

If you can provide a "Grand Prize" please let me know what and when.

Thanks again.



Valentines for Veterans

The National Salute to Veteran Patients will be Feb. 13-17, the week after our February guild meeting. Let's honor our veterans by bringing valentines to our February meeting. These will be sent to various VA hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes to show that we care and greatly appreciate all those who have served us so well. Give these to Roberta Granville.

Library -- By Jeanne Brenner

The QU library continues to grow!

At our January meeting, *Amish Inspired Quilts for Today's Home* by Carl Hentsch was given to our collection.

AQS had another great book January sale, so here are our more new books:

- *Easy Sew Jelly Roll Bags* by Jody Anderson
- *Pretty Purses* by Julia Chen, Nana Wu and Mona Hu
- *Quick Colorful Quilts* by Rosemary Wilkinson
- *Quilts in My Cubicle* by Barbara Holtzman
- *Quilts That Celebrate Autumn & Winter* by Karen Combs, Bethany S. Reynolds & Joan Shay
- *Rainy Day Applique Quick & Easy Fusible Quilts* by Ursula Michael
- *Small Quilts, Big Events* by Julia LaBauve & Tammy Silvers
- *Stacked & Stitched Artistic Fabric Projects for Your Home* by Christine Morgan
- *Teens and Tweens Quilting Fun with Family & Friends* by Anita Shackelford and Jennifer Perdue

There will be a small book sale of recent donations at the February meeting. All proceeds will be used to help with library expenses (card pockets and cards) and to buy more new books.

Suggestions of titles and authors for new acquisitions are always welcome.



Sunshine Committee

If you know a quilter in the guild who is ill, is having surgery, or has a loss in her immediate family, or if you have any of these situations, please contact me. My contact information is in the directory.

Sue Skornia, Sunshine Chairman

2017 Block of the Month

In case you missed it, we collected 63 blocks at the January meeting! Thank you very much! Because of your generous support, were able to make not one, but TWO quilt tops, which we will reveal at the February meeting.

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

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February – Girly Girl, Diva! Pink, black and white! Oh so girly and fun! Did you make a block that will pop on our design wall? Don't forget to bring your creations to the February meeting. We also kindly ask that you bring a few of the scraps used to create your block. We will use them to make additional blocks and fillers that will unify the blocks and help us create a twin-size quilt top.

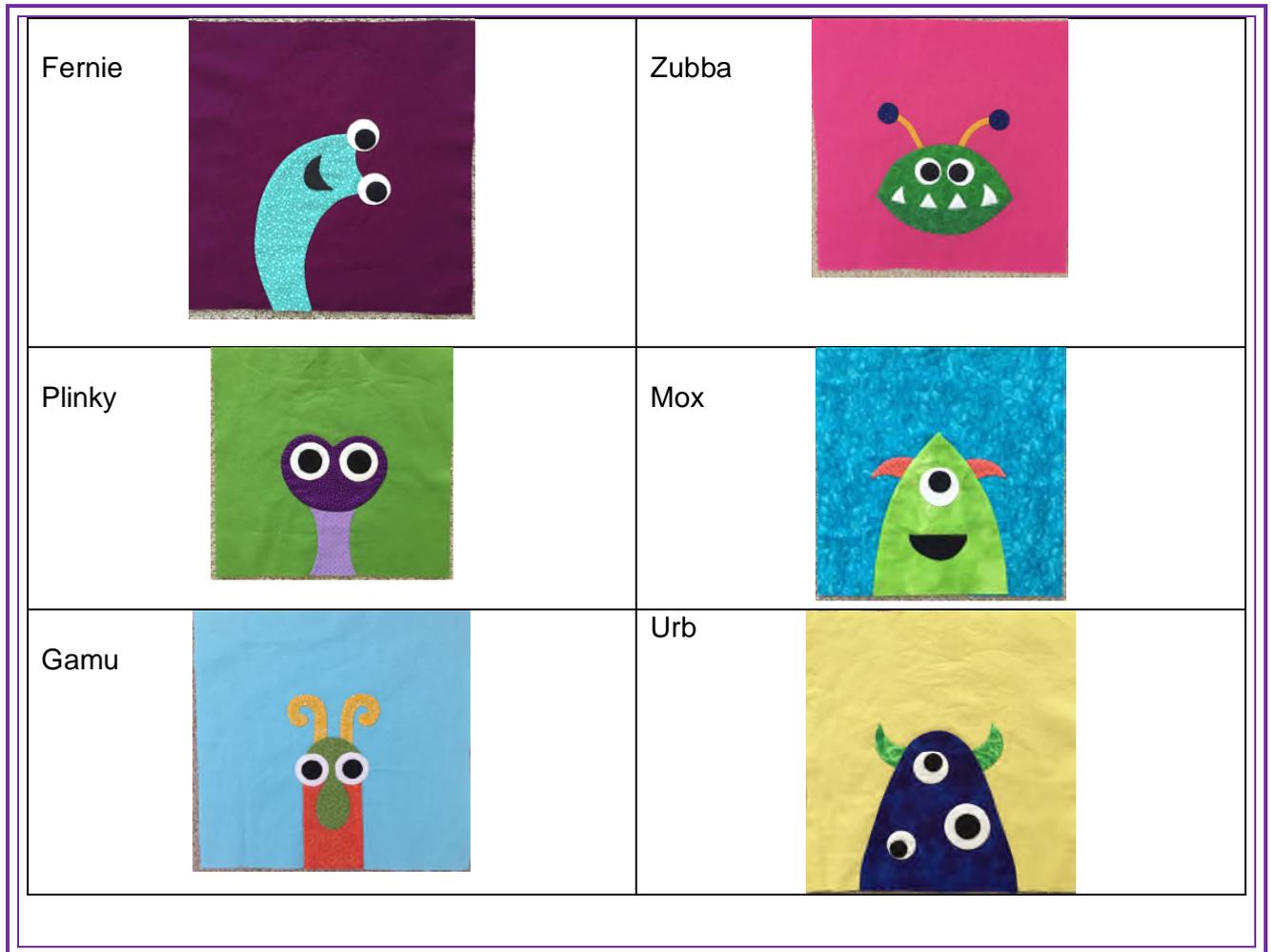


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March – Monster Mash

Traditional hand applique only will be used to create the monster of your choice. These are easy, large pieces that will result in a 10 ½ inch block. Is Fernie your favorite? Maybe Plinky is the monster for you. Do you really want to make one of these fun blocks but traditional hand applique is something you haven't been able to do? Give it a try since these are big pieces. And if you still get frustrated with it, bring us what you started. Just put it in a brown paper bag if it makes you feel better. We can probably work with it and finish what you started. *Check the website for patterns/color instructions* and stop by our table to see these six cute critters! *If you do have internet access and need paper printed instructions, please contact Dawn or Wendy.*

<http://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/2014-block-of-the-month/>



A Thank you

Sew for Hope Kids is so excited to have been chosen to receive the blocks of the month during 2017. We appreciate your generosity and are looking forward to seeing those blocks as they come in each month. The guild has always been generous and supportive of our mission to give handmade quilts and blankets to all the children who must stay at the HOPE Community Homeless Shelter. So, we'd like to say thank you from us and also thank you on behalf of kids at HOPE Community. You're the best!

Judith Rainbrook and Cynthia Seyler



2017 Opportunity Quilt

In progress



2018 Opportunity Quilt "Out of the Blue"

Sew 2018 Opportunity Quilt blocks on February 9th!

Guild members are invited to help sew paper-pieced sections for the Storm at Sea quilt, which Linda O'Sullivan designed.

Come to the "Bits and Pieces" meeting at Temple Israel, where the guild meets, on Thursday, February 9 from 1:00 – 4:00. Bring your sewing machine and join us as we work on "Out of the Blue" blocks.

Contact Marsha Walper for more information.

Sentimental Journey 2017 Guild Challenge Announcement - by Linda Stright

Come one! Come all! Don't be left behind in purchasing your 2017 Challenge Rules. The Sentimental Journey theme of this challenge surely invokes a sentiment or a journey. Remember this time, entry can be made by single individual or by **a team of 2**. So, grab a friend to collaborate on a Sentimental Journey. If you need ideas, please see the Co- chairs Linda S. or Hazel W. This is a "fun" raiser for our Guild, please consider purchasing the \$5 rules even if you are undecided about participating. You never know when inspiration will come. You will then be ready by having the rules! We would like to see many Sentimental Journey quilts turned in for guild member voting and for the museum show.

The challenge is open to all, our traditional quilters to our art quilters—new quilters to experienced quilters. 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.

Each person must pay for the rules (if on a team of two—each person pays). Remember it's hush hush about what you are doing for your challenge.



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

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.

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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Classes.....continued

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

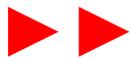
May 11th, 2017 Guild Meeting Lecture

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



Both Sharon Chambers workshops have openings. Anyone - including non members - may sign up for one or both workshops at this time.

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



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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Workshops.....continued

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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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.



Reminder - Dues

The dues for 2017 were due no later than the January meeting. Those who did not pay their dues by that date are no longer on the Guild's E-Mail Blast system. Contact (first) the Membership Chairperson if you believe an error has been made. Also, let the newsletter editor know -- see "*Are You Missing E-mail Blasts from the Guild?*" further below.

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.

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

Philanthropic Activities -- 4H Sewing Club

The new 4H sewing club with 15 members & their moms & dads/grandparents had their first meeting on January 5th. If you have some time & would like to share your talents with these eager young sewists, please contact Evelyn Gonzalez. You do not need to make a long-term commitment. We need both help with teaching sewing as well as guest speakers to occasionally visit and share their expertise. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at the 4H Extension Office, 6-8 pm.

Our first charitable project of the year will be a "Sew for Hope" quilt top. We are asking for donations of precut strips at least 10" long and of any width. If you can spare some, please bring them to the Feb. QU meeting or call Evelyn to arrange for pick-up. Thanks!"

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REPEATED ARTICLES -- OLDIES BUT GOODIES

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.



Classified Ads in Separate Document

<http://quilttallahassee.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-02Feb-Classified-Ads-Section.pdf>

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	4 th Fri. 10 am-12 pm	Joy Vo Kris Klob	
Saturday	Sew for Hope	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	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	

A group listed at full capacity is typically due to physical limitations -- no more room in members home or no more parking space available.

<i>Guild Calendar</i> (subject to change)		
2017		
Feb 4 th	Class: Art Quilts - two classes	Woodville Community Center
Feb 9 th	Guild Meeting; Program: Half Square Triangles	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Feb 26 th	Deadline for March Newsletter articles	
Feb 27 th	Class: Smashing Sets Class, by Sharon Pollock	Pollock home
March 9 th	Guild Meeting; Program: 1/4" seams and other details	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 21 st	Steering Committee Meeting	
March 25 th	Class: Hand Appliqué by Shelley Bertels, (morning); Class: Bargello, by Jeanne Brenner (afternoon)	Chaires Community Center
Apr 13 th	Guild Meeting; Program: To show or not...	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 11 th	Guild Meeting; Program: Sharon Schamber	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 12 & 13	Workshops by Sharon Schamber	
May 16 th	Steering Committee Meeting	
June 8 th	Guild Meeting; Program: Trash to Treasure	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 8 th	Class: Beautiful Folded Star Blocks, by Margaret Boeth Class: Paper Piecing, by Jeanne Brenner	Woodville Community Center
July 13 th	Guild Meeting; Program: Challenge quilts.	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 18 th	Steering Committee Meeting	
August 10 th	Guild Meeting; Program: ?? Museum Show???	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 14 th	Guild Meeting - Seminole Style Patchwork	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 15 th & 16 th	Workshops by Kay Smith	
Sept. 19 th	Steering Committee Meeting	
Oct. 12 th	Guild Meeting; Program: TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov. 9 th	Guild Meeting; Program: TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov. 21 st	Steering Committee Meeting	
Dec. 7 th	Guild Meeting; Program: End of year - A celebration of US!	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
2018		
May 10 th	Guild Meeting with Lecture by Suzanne Marshall	



Newsletter Info

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

February 26th, 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).
- Regarding image files, please make these jpgs, and if possible, limit the file size to 500 kb or so.
- Articles must be submitted as a word-processing type document (e.g., Microsoft Word, or a TXT file, not PDF or Excel).
- 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.