



## Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee

# Around The Block

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*Next Meeting: December 14th* 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:** Kerry Cohen  
**Membership:** Laura Keller  
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### **2017 Chairpersons**

**Awards:** Marsha Walper  
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**Block Of Month:** Wendy Stone  
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**Door Prizes:** Roberta Granville  
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**Capital City Quilt Show:** Betty Rinkel, Barbara Wiggins  
**Newsletter:** Karen Skinner  
**Opportunity 2017:** Karen Kunz  
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**Philanthropic:** Judy Rainbrook,  
Stephanie Rubanowice  
**Programs:** Barbara Wiggins  
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**Quilters Treasure:** Linda Brooks  
**Show & Tell:** Roberta Granville  
**Silent Auction:** Cheryl Willis  
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**Special Events:** As needed  
**Sunshine:** Sue Skomia  
**Trip Coord:** Peggy Clark  
**Welcoming:** Sue Skomia  
**Workshops:** Jeanne Brenner

### *President's Message*

It has been with great pride and honor to have served as President of the 2017 *Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee*. Thanks to this year's leadership team and all of you who have participated in this year's Guild activities. Quilter's Unlimited has had an exciting and productive year.

"Enhancing Friendship through Fellowship" was the theme for 2017. We all took the time at meetings to welcome our guests and encourage them to come back to the next Guild meeting. In the spring, we held a New Members Social that was well attended by our newcomers. We took the time to have everyone introduce themselves and tell us a little bit about their adventures in quilting. After the introductions, the conversations just took off.

I want to thank Karen Skinner for doing our newsletter for the last two years. I know from experience how much work there is in putting together a monthly newsletter – putting together a newsletter every month is very challenging and tedious. Working with so many contributors and still making our deadline every month is very challenging, yet Karen excelled at getting the newsletter together on time. Her attention to detail and a commitment to providing accurate and timely information contributed to the smooth running of the Guild.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be this year's President. I can sincerely say that I have enjoyed the opportunity to getting to know more Guild members and knowing other members better.

Your President.....Peggy Allen

### *Membership Renewal Reminder*

Membership dues are due ☺, and must be paid no later than the January meeting. Per the Guild's By-Laws, a member whose dues are in arrears after the January meeting shall be dropped from the membership roster.

Dues for the full year are \$30.00 if you pick up your member card and directory at a meeting, and \$32.00 if you want the card and directory mailed to you. Dues are payable by cash, check, or Paypal. Hope to see you at the membership table soon!

The Paypal link is found at>

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



## *Invitation*



You are cordially invited to the Quilters Unlimited Holiday party

DATE: December 14th

PLACE: Temple Israel

TIME: 6:30 pm

ADMISSION: A spool of thread, in any of the following colors: cream, light grey or dark grey.

There will also be a donation box for cash donations for batting and fabric for Bits and Pieces and the 4H Club.

We are having a pot luck dinner, so bring a dish or dessert to share. Please remember the kosher rules of no shellfish, or meat and cheese on the same plate.

Please come and enjoy the holiday season with your quilting friends. Invite a friend or someone that has not been to the guild in a while!

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There will be a short business meeting after people have gotten settled. This will consist of the inauguration of 2018 officers, the handing out of Awards, Door Prizes, and show and tell.

Chairpersons -- There will be one table set up for Membership/Door Prizes, and one table for the Library. All other tables will be in use for serving food and drinks, and member seating.



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### *Upcoming Programs*

#### **January - "Honey, I Shrunk the Quilts!"**

Get ready for a trunk show with Mona Snowden featuring her collection of miniature quilts. Mona has a great collection of miniature quilts and stories to go along with them. If you have ever seen her quilts from past trunk shows, then you know that we are in for a real treat.

#### **February - "From Good to Great: the impact of embellishment and other techniques"**

There are numerous ways to enhance your quilts with some very small changes. We will detail six techniques, show you samples and give you pointers for each technique. You will also get an up-close look at before and after blocks so that you can see the impact, side by side, that will take your quilts from good to great. Plan to bring a quilt that you embellished in some way. Did you add some embroidery, lace or buttons? Perhaps you added some yo-yo's or even a bit of applique to a pieced quilt. We will all look forward to seeing your technique that "took it up a notch."

### *Directory Photos*

Michele Hackmeyer will bring her camera to the December and January meetings in order to take photos for the 2018 Guild Directory. Michele 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.

### *Updated Policies and Procedures*

The Steering Committee periodically adds new procedures or policies to our operating rules. The "P&P" help us keep more consistent in our activities over the years, and codify understandings that sometimes were only passed down orally. We are continually adding to the P&P as the various Committees craft the appropriate language.

The most recent version was adopted at the November Steering Committee, and this can be found on the Guild website at <http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/policies-procedures/>

### *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* -- by Wendy Stone and Dawn Griffin

### **December – Fifty Shades of Blue**

Please remember to bring your Fifty Shades of Blue nine patch blocks to the December meeting. With these blocks being only 6 ½ inches, we will need a bundle to make a twin size quilt top. We also welcome fabric scraps of 2 ½” strips of blue fabrics and/or white fabrics to complete the quilt top.



Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Block of the Month program. After December, we will have created eighteen quilt tops that have been donated to Sew for Hope and will make wonderful quilts for deserving teenage boys and girls. The philanthropic spirit of our guild is one that we can all be proud of.

We have enjoyed serving as your Co-chairs this year and wish you all much quilting happiness in the coming year!

**Check the website for patterns/color instructions. If you do have internet access and need paper printed instructions, please contact Dawn or Wendy.**

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

## *2018 Block of the Month*

It's time for the 2018 Block of the Month (BOM) semi reveal....It's going to be a year of holidays; some familiar like News Years, some not so familiar like Pi(e) Day. But they will all challenge and excite you (we hope).

Every month we will offer an applique pattern and either a pieced or foundation pattern (or both pieced and foundation). We don't care what applique technique(s) you use; do what makes your heart happy. We've made some color suggestions some months and left it scrappy for others. We want everyone to feel they can make a block (or 2 or 3 or...) at their comfort level or perhaps try something new.

Lyn Gearity and I will collect the completed blocks and turn them into nap quilts for the Temple Israel PreSchool Nursery or other QU philanthropic efforts (but not cat quilts), so be prolific in your BOM!!!

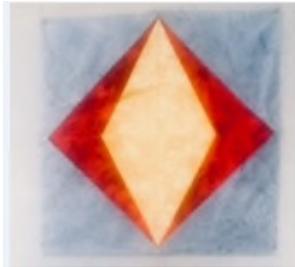
The blocks to turn in at our January 2018 meeting relate to "New Year's" and include patterns for Fireworks (applique) and Chinese Lanterns (pieced, templates, foundation piecing). The files are loaded on the QU website at>>

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

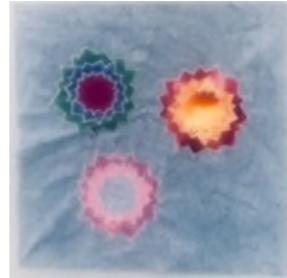
Early Bird Special: The first 10 people who say they will do an applique block will get a free, precut background.

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Chinese Lanterns



Fireworks



We hope you enjoy! (sneak preview: February is Mardi Gras). Quiltingly yours, Pam Doffek & Lyn Gearity, BOM Chairs

***Library*** - by Jeanne Brenner, QU Librarian

New books have just arrived!

Come by and check out one of our new additions or an old favorite.

- *1000 New Embroidery Designs* by Joan Waldman
- *A Modern Mix Machine & Hand Quilting* by Anita Shackelford
- *The ABCs of Words on Quilts* by Elizabeth Scott
- *Add-a-Line Extreme Quilting Patterns* by Janie Donaldson
- *The Becolourful Quilt Collection* by Jacqueline de Jonge
- *Fresh Perspectives* By Carol Gilliam Jones & Bobbi Finley
- *Mastering the Art of Longarm Quilting* by Gina Perkes
- *Minimal Quilt Making* by Gwen Marston
- *Modern Quilts* by Kimberly Einmo
- *More Loose Change* by Claudia Plett and Le Ann Weaver
- *Quilt Your Favorite Photos* by Betty Alofs

If you have made a quilt using one of the books in our library, please, let me display your quilt along with the book at one of our meeting to inspire others!

***Quilter's Treasure*** - by Linda Brooks

The Quilter's Treasure drawing will be during the December meeting. 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.



*Classes by Guild Teachers* -- Please contact Ruth Cuzzort or Jeanne Brenner to register.

**February 10, 2018**

Woodville Community Center  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Slivers Class**

\$20.00

Join Jeanne Brenner in learning a technique for sewing arcs without paper piecing.

For those interested in making a Big, Bright, Beautiful bag like Jeanne's, this will be the first of 3 classes to complete a bag.



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**April 14, 2018**

Woodville Community Center  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Class for Featherweight lovers**

\$55.00/person, 18 spaces available.

- Common problems and how to solve them.
- Machine maintenance.
- Using attachments.

Note: While the class has a maximum enrollment of 18, we must have 18 in order to have the class.

\$55.00 may seem expensive, but it cost \$85.00 or more to have your featherweight maintained at a shop.

Please sign up early to insure this class is offered.

*Workshops* - Please contact Ruth Cuzzort or Jeanne Brenner to register.

**Suzanne Marshall -- Applique and Embroidery**

**May 11th and 12th, 2018**; six-hour workshops, starting at 10 am.

**Chaires Community Center**

Quilter extraordinaire Suzanne Marshall will be teaching two workshops for us in May 2018.

Her website is> <https://www.suzannequilts.com/workshops>

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On Friday, May 11, Suzanne will teach her take away appliqué technique and how to smooth curves on one of the blocks from her award- winning Art Nouveau quilt.

On Saturday, May 12, she will cover the take away technique again with four “wacky birds” patterns, plus how embroidery can enhance your blocks.



The cost of classes will be \$60.

Members will be limited to one class each until February 1, 2018.

If you are interested in taking one or both classes a waiting list be started immediately.  
Don't miss out on this chance to learn from a master quilter!

### *Future Workshops* - by Ruth Cuzzort

It's time to schedule our 2019 Workshops.

The following teachers and being considered:

- Ellen Lindner - [adventurequilter.com](http://adventurequilter.com)
- Bonnie Langerfeld - [landscapesinfabric.com](http://landscapesinfabric.com)

Please check out their web sites and share your opinions via email ([ruthcuz@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthcuz@yahoo.com)) or at the December quilt meeting.

### *Jail Project* - by Judy Rainbrook

Our last article mentioned that the jail ladies were hard at work on Christmas quilts. Now their finished quilts are on display at both Capital Regional Medical Center and Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Officer Guy is also delivering Christmas quilts to Boy's Town and doing Veteran's quilts in-between.

As far as needs at the jail, they are looking for several 3.5" square templates and a half-hexagon template with a 6" long side. And, as always, colored thread is welcome. The jail supplies black and white thread but cream, tan, navy, black, red and blue are good, as well as yellow, pink and green. This should be cotton or dual-duty thread.

The Jail Project is still looking for someone in QU or elsewhere who might be interested in collecting donated sewing machines (in good working order and with their manuals) and then distributing them to the women in the program when they are released from jail. All women who get a machine would be first recommended by Officer Guy as good candidates. I can no longer continue this program myself because of back issues.

Thank you all for everything you do to support the QU jail project and Happy Holidays!

### *2018 Steering Committee*

#### 2018 Officers:

- **President** - Kerry Cohen
- **President-Elect** - Carol Eskola
- **Membership Vice-President** - Karen Skinner
- **Treasurer** - Janice France
- **Secretary** - Diana Kaiser

#### 2018 Chairpersons

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- **Audiovisual:** Michele Hackmeyer I
- **Block of Month:** Pam Doffek & Lynn Gearity
- **Challenge:** Hattie Pennie
- **Door Prizes:** Cheryl Willis
- **Helping Hands:** Faith Hazelip
- **Internet:** Web Coord: Sue Isaac; Email: Karen Skinner; Facebook: Jessica Duke
- **Library:** Jeanne Brenner
- **Capital City Quilt Show:** Barbara Wiggins & Karen Kunz
- **Newsletter:** Tara Goodman
- **Opportunity 2018:** Marsha Walper
- **Opportunity 2019:** Marianne Clower
- **Philanthropic:** Dawn Griffin
- **Programs:** Wendy Stone & Dawn Griffin
- **Publicity:** **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- **Show & Tell:** Roberta Granville
- **Silent Auction:** Cheryl Willis

- **Sit&Stitch:** Marsha Walper
- **Special Events:** As needed
- **Sunshine:** Shelley Woodyard
- **Trip Coord:** Christine Walsh
- **Welcoming:** Elizabeth Hawker
- **Workshops:** Ruth Cuzzort & Jeanne Brenner

### *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.**

<b>Monday</b>	Big Bend Hospice	1-3 pm	Virginia Lewis
	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
<b>Tuesday</b>	McQuilters @ Ronald McDonald House	1-3 pm	Carol Harrison
<b>Wednesday</b>	Crazy Quilters @ Monticello Library	1-4 pm	Georgianna Joseph
	Piecers of the Past	2nd & 4th Weds 1-3 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
<b>Thursday</b>	Sew Arty	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Linda Stright
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Lascella Ingram
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Friday</b>	Quilts ‘n Books	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri. 10 am-12 pm	Joy Vo Kris Klob
<b>Saturday</b>	Sew for HOPE	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit ‘n Stitch	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell

The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: *Pin Pals*, *Sew Darn Happy*, *Thimble Buddies*, *Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members’ home or no more parking space available.

<i>Guild Calendar</i> (subject to change)		
<b>2017</b>		
Dec. 14th	Guild Meeting; Program: End of year - A Celebration of Us!	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Dec. 29th	Newsletter article deadline	
<b>2018</b>		
Jan. 11th	Guild Meeting; Program: "Honey, I Shrunk the Quilts!"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Feb. 8th	Guild Meeting; Program: "Embellishment and Other Techniques"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Feb. 10th	<b>Class:</b> "Slivers" Tote, by Jeanne Brenner	
March 8th	Guild Meeting; Program: Trunk show featuring the "Applique Addicts" SNS	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 12th	Guild Meeting; Program: Mini Demonstrations	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 14th	<b>Class</b> for Featherweight Lovers	Woodville Community Center
May 10th	Guild Meeting with Lecture by Suzanne Marshall	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 11th & 12th	<b>Workshops</b> by Suzanne Marshall	Chaires Community Center
June 14th	Guild Meeting; Program: "Stitch and Stretch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 12th	Guild Meeting; Program: Quilts of Valor presentations and Philanthropic Reveal	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
August 9th	Guild Meeting; Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept 13th	Guild Meeting; Program: "Creativity and Companionship in a Sit-n-Stitch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Oct 11th	Guild Meeting; Program: "Don't Dread the Dresden"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov 8th	Guild Meeting; Program: "Strut Your Stuff!" (guild wide trunk show)	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Dec 13th	Guild Meeting; Program: "End of Year Fun and What's to Come"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
<b>2019</b>		
Jan 10th	Guild Meeting;	
Feb 14th	Guild Meeting;	
Mar 14th	Guild Meeting;	



## *Newsletter Info*

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

**December 29th, 2017**

Please submit materials to **Tara Goodman** via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto: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 "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) or as text in an email.
- 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](mailto:webcoord@quilttallahassee.com)
- Regarding Classified Ads, see the additional information in that section. Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission. If you need to list it again, send another email to the Newsletter Editor.

## *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 is [webmaster@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com).

If you still are not getting notifications, e-mail the Email Coordinator, Karen Skinner, in care of the Membership Chair, at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:membership@quilttallahassee.com). The Email Coordinator 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.



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## *Classified Ads*

*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.  
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

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### *Classified Ads -- Instructions*

Only **Guild Members** can list items for sale, for services, or "free-to-a-good-home".

Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor (Tara Goodman) at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). Briefly describe the item and asking price. If desired, attach one small picture in JPEG format -- it may or may not be included in the listing, depending on whether there are technical difficulties with "capturing and inserting". If possible, limit the file size of the jpegs to 500 kb or so. Include your name (and city if the item is bulky/large, and there may be special considerations for pick-up), but not an address.

**Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission. If you need to list it again, send another email to the Newsletter Editor.**

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**ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE OR SERVICES ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.**

#### **Roselind Woods - Items for sale**

Viking Huskylock 936 serger, serial number 176280, used only in classes plus: 3-ring binder of samples/examples, wheeled case, cover stitch kit with 5 feet, also flat & edge lace feet, clear foot, Sew Steady table fits to left of machine, 936 accessory items & bag, owners handbook & Specialty Techniques book, inside tray accessory box. If I find anything else it is yours! Original total over \$2,000, asking \$800 or make offer. All as is; I am allowing for you to have funds to get the machine serviced!

Additional & separately selling: 3D Embroidery Studio, Reader/Writer & 3D Organizer for Viking sewing and/or embroidery machines. Original cost for all \$715, asking \$200 or make an offer. All are still in boxes, unused.

Contact Roselind Woods at 717-5427 weekdays, M-F or leave message. Other phone number in our directory.