

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: January 10th 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.

President's Message

Happy New Year! The holidays have passed into memory, and as we polished off the last of the sugar cookies, we may have challenged ourselves to (hopefully!) stick to our New Year's resolutions. Was one of your resolutions to spend more time quilting? Mine certainly was. But oh, how do we find the time?

Bear with me while I tell you a story: About fifteen years ago, my doctor told me that my blood sugar was creeping into the dangerous range; he prescribed exercise and weight loss. After much wailing and gnashing of teeth at the unfairness of it all (drama queen!), I realized I had to take action. But how could I find time to exercise? My calendar was full. Co-workers even put meetings on our shared calendar during lunch time. So I pulled up that calendar on my computer and blocked out every lunch hour with an appointment with myself to take a long walk and eat a sensible lunch. I stuck to my promise to myself that I would never agree to cancel that "appointment" just to accommodate someone else's need to discuss the crisis of the day.

So why not commit to a daily appointment with needle, thread, and fabric? It might be only thirty minutes to square up those blocks that are sitting unloved in a box, to whip-stitch a couple of feet of binding onto a quilt, or to applique one small piece onto the background. Those thirty minutes can be very energizing. Want more happy time? Make an appointment with yourself to join other quilters at a sit & stitch group; the laundry can wait!

Be good to yourself. Do something every single day that makes you happy. Fondle that fabric; applique that flower; piece that block. Look at your hands and know that you're sewing a little happiness into every stitch, a hug into every quilt, and a sweet dream into every pillow case.

Carol

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January Program:

“The Evolution of a Quilter” – Trunk Show by Janet Hughes

The January guild program will feature a Trunk Show by Quilters Unlimited member Janet Hughes. Janet is an award-winning quilter. In 2015, she was selected by the Council on Culture and the Arts (COCA) to design and make a quilt block representing Tallahassee for the All-America City Contest. The completed quilt unites the ten winning cities.

The depth of meaning and creativity in each of her quilts shows her mastery of the art of hand quilting, embroidery, and embellishment. Images and themes of music and dance are often incorporated into her quilts.

Please join us as Janet describes the ups and downs of her journey and some insights on her improvisational approach, while sharing her extraordinary quilts with the guild.

You Can Be Part of the February Guild Program!

The February program is “**We ♥ National Quilt Shows!**” We will discuss the various national quilt shows that are closest to Tallahassee and will showcase the quilts that guild members have exhibited at these shows.

Have your quilts been exhibited at any of these shows in the past? If so, contact Marsha Walper by the January guild meeting. We would also like to hear of your personal experiences at these shows!

- American Quilt Society (AQS) Daytona Beach
- American Quilt Society (AQS) Spring Paducah
- International Quilt Association (IQA) Houston
- QuiltCon - Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) Nashville
- World Quilt Florida, Tampa – Mancuso Show Management

Would you like to enter a quilt in one of these shows next year? Let Marsha know by the January meeting if there is anything special you would like to know about these shows and we will add it to the program.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Members, please remember to get your dues paid. January is the last month to pay and still get in the directory. If you can, pay by Paypal. If not, we will be ready to collect your dues at the membership table, Thursday, January 10. See you there.

Betty Rinkel

Block of the Month

Don't forget that we are starting our new year at the block of the month table.

It's easy to participate...whether you can make one block in the year or one block each month, you can join in on the fun! Each month, the pattern link will be in the newsletter and on the QU website. We will have a few printed copies at the Block of the Month table each month for those without internet access.

At January's meeting, please turn in your finished Granny's Flower Garden Blocks and don't forget to drop your name in the bag for a chance to win a quilt-y surprise.

These blocks will be used in a quilt for one of our philanthropic groups.

Pattern is from Quilter's Cache -

<http://www.quilterscache.com/G/GrannysFlowerGardenBlock.html>

Please follow the directions to create your 14.5" unfinished block.

QU will be using the following colors for this block:



Color 1 = Yellow fabric – solid, tone on tone or print (should read yellow)

Color 2 = Floral print fabric (any color)

Color 3 = Cream or Beige fabric - solid, tone on tone or print (should read cream/beige)

February's Block will be the Brasstown Star and will be turned in at our February meeting. These blocks will be used to create a quilt for the QU Silent Auction.

Pattern is from Quilter's Cache – <http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BrasstownStarBlock.html>

Please follow the directions to create your 12.5" unfinished block.

QU will be using the following colors for this block (think autumn colors, to match our quilt show theme):



Color 1 = Gold fabric – solid, tone on tone or small print (should read gold)

Color 2 = Brown fabric – solid, tone on tone or print (should read brown)

Color 3 = Cream or Beige fabric - solid, tone on tone or print (should read cream/beige)

Stop by the BOM table to check out the fun!

Kerry Cohen

2019 UFO Completion Challenge

What is a UFO? A UFO is an Unfinished Object. UFOs come in various shapes and sizes and may live in any stage of completion for several years or even decades.

What is the Challenge? The Challenge is to complete your UFO for the September guild meeting program, which will feature quilters and their completed UFOs. Participants will receive a UFO-C3. The C3 stands for Completion Challenge Certificate.

There will also be certificates for individuals or groups completing the oldest UFO, the most complicated UFO, the most UFOs, the largest and smallest UFOs, the oldest UFO completed by someone other than the original maker, the most unique reason for the delay in completion, and the most deviation from the original plan.

Do you have a UFO hiding in a closet or drawer? Now is your chance to finish it!

See the brief entry form at the end of the newsletter or online at the Quilters Unlimited web site under Activities/Projects: UFO Completion Challenge. Entry forms will also be available at the January guild meeting. Contact Marsha Walper for details.

<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/activities-projects/2019-ufo-completion-challenge/>

If your UFO is finished in time, it can be entered in the 37th Annual Capital City Quilt Show, which tentatively starts September 20, 2019.

Announcing the 2019 Quilters Unlimited City Hall Quilt Show

Quilters Unlimited is proud to announce our triennial quilt show at the Tallahassee City Hall in 2019, thanks to our partnership with Council on Culture & Arts (COCA).

The show will be on display Wednesday, June 5 through Monday, July 29, 2019.

We are looking for theme ideas for this year's show. Please send me an email or drop by the table to suggest a theme before the January meeting. We will do a quick hand vote that night to select a theme, so we can get our creativity rolling.

More info and detail to come next month on entry form deadline, quilt turn in and pick up dates.

Kerry Cohen

Nimble Fingers and Jewel Tone Fabrics Needed for the 2020 Opportunity Quilt

A beautiful, floral appliqué pattern, Aunt Millie's Garden, has been selected for our 2020 opportunity quilt. Many photographs of this Piece o' Cake design may be viewed on line. The border will be slightly modified.

The plan is to construct this quilt using traditional hand appliqué and hand quilting...so the clock is ticking.

The background will be off-white to show off the flowers and fit into any color scheme.

Fabric donations of fat eighths (or even smaller) in rich colors of tightly woven tone on tone or batiks will be accepted at the January meeting. These will be used for the flowers, leaves and stems. Off white or white on unbleached muslin fat quarters are needed for the background. Any contribution you make will be appreciated, while helping provide variety to the palette and offsetting the cost of the quilt.

If you enjoy hand appliqué, tracing patterns, hand quilting or would like to help in any way, you are invited to join in the fun of working and creating with others.

It is always amazing to see the quilts this guild brings to life.

Jeanne Brenner
2020 opportunity quilt chairman

Help Send a Little Sunshine



Do you have any blank note cards or get well cards you don't plan on using? If so, please consider donating them to QU for use by our Sunshine coordinator, Shelley Woodyard. Just bring them to any guild meeting and give them to Shelley or to QU President Carol Eskola. Thanks!

Directory Photo Time!

We need to get photos for our 2019 directory, so if you are a new member, have not had a photo in the directory before, or want a new photo, please be 'ready for your close-up'! I will be set up next to the membership sign-in table. This is a close head-shot, so don't worry about what to wear. Also, this photo is only for our directory, it will not be displayed anywhere else. This will be the only photo session as the directories will be printed probably before the February meeting.

Michele Hackmeyer

Sew for Hope

Sew for Hope will be sponsoring a "Come Get Fabric and Sew" party both Saturdays in February (February 2nd and 16th). We will supply several different block patterns that can be made into medium or twin-size quilts. You get to choose your own fabric from our abundant stash! You can stay and sew with us or take your new found riches home for assembly. We will supply snacks and drinks all day and lunch for those who stay and work. We are located at ARTS After School (3510 Weems Rd – off Mahan just past Capital Circle). Hours are from 10 am to 3 pm and you can stop in anytime to pick up a pattern and fabric. We will also have kits available if anyone wants to pick up a kit for home. Please email or call Judy Rainbrook to let her know if you are planning to have lunch with us either day. See you then!

Start 2019 with a bang by helping finish a charitable project...

You can help create warmth for someone in need of comfort by putting your machine quilting skills to work.

Many quilt tops have been created over the past several months that are ready to be quilted.

We have several volunteers for binding if you don't enjoy that step.

These quilt tops will be available at the January meeting... batting and muslin backing are already cut to size for each one.

Your time and skills are much appreciated by the machine quilting inept such as myself.

Jeanne Brenner



Upcoming Classes/Workshops

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

February 16: Felted Wool Elephant. \$30 plus a kit fee

Instructor: Lucy Patrick

Location: Woodville Community Center

Learn about the fun of working with felted wool and learn new embellishment ideas. This class is \$30.00 plus a kit fee.



Ellen Lindner Classes

Ellen is a visiting teacher from Melbourne, Fl. Her work is diverse, ranging from pictorial still life to modern abstract. She is well known for her fabric collage and art quilts. Please check out her work at <https://Adventurequilter.com>

March 15: Floral Improv. Fee = \$65

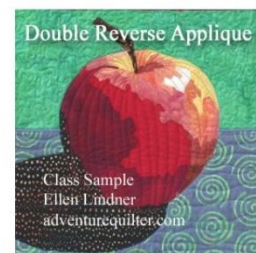
Location: Woodville Community Center

Want to Enhance your artistic skill while making a quick project? This class will accomplish both. First you will learn how to make a variety of flowers with no patterns. Then, you will learn how to create a dynamic composition. With Ellen's pointers on design you'll be guaranteed to make a masterpiece. Finally, you will learn a quick technique for facing and finishing your quilt with no hand sewing! Participants must be familiar with free motion quilting.



March 16: Double Reverse Appliqué. Fee = \$65 + \$5 kit fee

This raw edge appliqué technique is extremely accurate. Ellen's tricks for staying organized will ensure that your class time is efficient, productive, & free of frustration. You will finish the Apple in class and make good progress toward the pear. You'll also learn detailed information about making your own DRA pattern. Participants must be familiar with free motion quilting.



Upcoming Classes/Workshops

May 18: Let's Learn Trapunto. \$30.00 plus kit fee

Instructor: Pam Doffek

Location: Woodville Community Center

Back by popular request (or to refresh your skills)!! Learn the many aspects of hand-executed trapunto, Italian cording and shadow work and get history lessons at the same time. It's not just stuffing from the back anymore. This is a hands-on techniques class using hand worked (not machine) construction; although machine execution is covered. Participants will create "reference" samples based on the given pattern. A full size pattern for the instructor's adaptation of techniques will be provided in the supplied kit. Class max 10 student so sign up early.



July 13: Serendipity block. \$30.00

Instructor: Pam Doffek

Location: Woodville Community Center, 10 am to 3 pm

Bring only scraps and learn how to make this wonky Log Cabin Block.

TBD: Old Glory Quilt class. Fee = \$30, All proceeds to QU

Instructor: Jeanne Brenner

In this 6-hour class, make a striking patriotic quilt for yourself or for others. Cutting instructions are provided for 3 different sizes from wall hanging to twin size quilt.

Using strip cutting and chain piecing this top goes together in a snap. Pattern is a free download from AQS. Faster and easier sewing instructions will be provided in class.



If you have a class suggestion, please let Ruth know.

Thank You!



I want to thank everyone who brought in fabric, helped piece, quilt and bind my gorgeous President's Gift quilt. I want to especially thank Carol Eskola who spearheaded the project and did a LOT of work to make this present in time.

It is a spectacular quilt and a wonderful reminder of the great year I had serving as QU president.

Thank you!

Kerry Cohen, Past President

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **February 1, 2019**

Please submit materials to Tara Goodman via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com.

To receive a mailed newsletter, contact the editor for details.

Missing Email Blasts?

Check your email spam filter, check for blocked addresses, and/or add webmaster@quilttallahassee.com to your contact list. Still have problems, email Betty Rinkel, Membership Chair, at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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.**

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
Monday	Big Bend Hospice	2 nd Monday, 1-3 pm	Virginia Lewis
	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
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
	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
Friday	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 - 3 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	Saturday after guild meeting, 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 th 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.

2019 Guild Calendar

January 10	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
January 12	Class: Jeanne Brenner, Make a Tote Bag	Woodville Community Center
February 1	<i>February Newsletter Deadline</i>	
February 14	Guild Meeting; “We ♥ Our National Quilt Shows”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
February	Class: Lucy Patrick, Felted Wool Elephant	Woodville Community Center
March 14	Guild Meeting; Ellen Lindner, Guest Quilter	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 15	Class: Floral Improv, Ellen Lindner	Woodville Community Center
March 16	Class: Double Reverse Appliqué, Ellen Lindner	Woodville Community Center
April 11	Guild Meeting; “The Value of Value in a Quilt”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 9	Guild Meeting; “Value does All the Work, but Color is Fun”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 18	Class: Pam Doffek, Let’s Learn Trapunto	
June 13	Guild Meeting; “Fun Quilts to Make & Quilt on Regular Machines - Patterns Available – Sue Skornia”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 11	Guild Meeting; “Quilts of Valor”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 13	Class: Pam Doffek, Serendipity block	
August 8	Guild Meeting; “QU Challenge – Autumn Reverie”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 12	Guild Meeting; “Quilters and their UFO Completion Challenges”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 10	Guild Meeting; “Avoiding Wavy Borders & Binding Tips” – Marianne Clower	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 14	Guild Meeting; “Quilters’ Tricks” – Pam Doffek	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
December 12	Guild Meeting; “QU Dinner Party”	Social Hall @ Temple Israel

UFO Completion Challenge Entry Form

Completed Challenges will be the program at the September guild meeting

Your Name (Main Contact Member): _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Home ____ Cell ____ Work ____

Email: _____

Group Members (if applicable): _____

Year UFO started (best guess) : _____ Will be completed by: individual ____ group ____

Anticipated size of finished UFO (approximate): Length _____ Width _____

Tell a brief story about your UFO Challenge entry: _____

Name for completed UFO: _____

Photograph of unfinished UFO. Use your **last-first** names at beginning of file name and upload photo. If using paper entry form, please attach photo to form.

Contact Marsha Walper if you have questions.