

AROUND THE BLOCK

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February 2020

Next Meeting: February 13 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

As I compose this (January 28), I'm sitting on a hop-on, hop-off bus in Auckland, New Zealand on my way back from my cruise. This is the first time I've had access to internet/wi-fi since I left on January 16.

I'm on a quilt-related cruise with Holland America, taking classes with two quilt teachers and enjoying evening stitch-ins. Days are free to wander. I found 3 fabric stores and a few knitting shops (some combined). I'll show my New Zealand-related fabrics at show and tell. Many inspirational books have been purchased and cultural sites visited.

Oh, yes, the airlines lost my luggage on the 16th and I just got it back on the 27th. It's so good to be in my own panties again. All details when I see you soon.

Quilt on,

Pam



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Challenge Quilt: Kerry Cohen

Door Prizes: Roberta Granville

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Sunshine: Wendy Stone

Welcoming: Evelyn Gonzalez

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February 13, 2020 Program: “Modern Traditionalism”

There are traditional quilts. There are art quilts. There are modern quilts and now “modern traditionalism”. New quilters and seasoned quilters alike are embracing traditional patterns but putting a modern spin on them by playing with color, scale, symmetry, and grid placement. Imagine the Ohio Star block. Instead of creating rows and sashing, explode one block to the size of your entire quilt. Use bright solids and an easy-on-the-eye white background fabric. Machine quilt it, and you now have one image of this new style of quilting. Erica Thaler is one such quilter and will show us her modern interpretation of traditional quilting. We also want to see your quilts that fit this emerging trend.



Upcoming Programs

March – Wooden Quilts by Jim Sherraden

Tennessee artisan Jim Sherraden will present Wooden Quilts, his multi-dimensional compositions that are sure to appeal to quilt lovers.

April – Trash to Treasure Sale

Time to round up your surplus quilting and sewing goods. Reserve your \$5.00 table now to sell your stuff or come with cash to shop for a bargain. Something new this year: Non-profit groups will also be a part of the sale. If you are part of a non-profit group that sews or creates items that are donated, or sold as a philanthropic effort, you can participate in the sale this year. **Contact Wendy Stone to reserve your table.**

Note that the April Guild meeting date has been changed to TUESDAY, April 7, which is a different day and an earlier week than normal because of other events at the Temple.

May – Guest Speaker: Susan Cleveland

Join us for our annual guest speaker and don't forget to sign up for one of Susan's workshops!

January Door Prizes

Door prize winners for January were Linda Brooks, Lyn Gearity, Terri Smith, and Esther Weiner. Grand Prize winner was Susan Voss.

Congratulations to all and thanks again to all who contribute items for prizes.

Roberta Granville



Help Send a Little Sunshine

If a member needs some cheering up, don't forget to let me know. I'll send some sunshine their way on behalf of the guild!

Wendy Stone

March Block of the Month

The March block of the month is "Courthouse Steps". The finished block measures 10 inches square (unfinished size 10 ½" square). Select three fabrics: a red, a white and a navy blue. These may be assembled in any order with any of the colors as the center, inner round, or outer round.

Peggy Clark

CUTTING:

Outer Round Fabric – Two 2 ½" by 10 ½" rectangles
Two 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles

Inner Round Fabric – Two 2 ½" by 6 ½" rectangles
Two 2 ½" squares

Center Fabric – One 2 ½" square

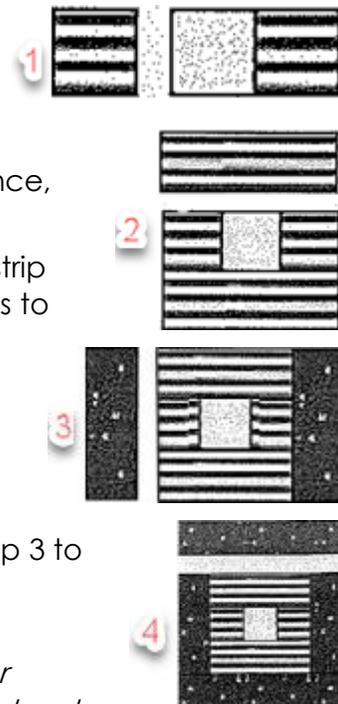
Step 1: With right sides together and using a ¼" seam allowance, sew the center square to each of the inner-round squares.

Step 2: Next, sew the two long inner-round rectangles to the strip created in step 1. Match up the long edges of the rectangles to the long edges of the strip. This will form the inner square.

Step 3: Sew the two shorter outer-round rectangle pieces to either side of the center square, matching up the long edges of the rectangles to the sides of the square.

Step 4: Finally, sew the two remaining long outer-round rectangles to the top and bottom of the piece created in step 3 to finish assembling this block.

*P.S.: There's still time for you to whip up one or more blocks for **February** between now and our February 13th meeting. Check out the directions in the January issue of "Around the Block" on our website.*



Too much fabric is like too much chocolate - an impossibility.



Upcoming Classes/Workshops

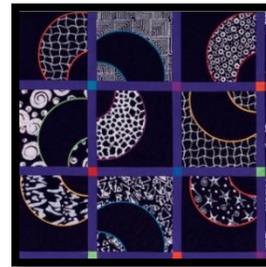
May 2020

It's not too early to mark your calendars for Susan Cleveland's visit, May 15 & 16, 2020.

Cost: \$75.00 per class

Location: Woodville Community Center

Time: 10 am – 4:30 pm



Classes: May 15 – Bodacious Big Thread Applique & More (left)
May 16 – Piping Hot Curves – Macaroni (right)

If you have a class suggestion, please let Lyn Gearity know.

2020 QU Challenge Quilt

The 2020 QU Challenge Quilt rules are on sale now. The theme is Jazz It Up. Cost is \$5. This will provide you the rules and "secret" details of this year's challenge.

Please remember to keep the secret details of the challenge to yourself, but I will assure everyone that the possibilities are limitless. Novice to Expert, Traditional to Art Quilters...if you quilt, you can participate!

The challenge is open to all QU members who purchase the rules. Quilts must be completed by the late-summer timeframe (exact meeting date determined after show dates announced).

This year, two-person team quilts will be allowed (both members must purchase rules.)

As always, all monies from the sale of the rules go to the cash prizes for our winners. So "challenge" yourself this year and purchase your Jazz It Up Challenge Rules!

If you have any questions, just email, call, or see me at the meeting.

Kerry Cohen

Do You Love to Do Foundation Piecing?



If so, your help is needed to make the blocks for our 2021 opportunity quilt, "Rainbow Stars".

Kits for individual blocks will be available at the February meeting to sign out for this project.

See Jeanne at the library table to get involved.

Growing a New Sit-n-Stitch



For many years, a devoted Sit-n-Stitch team provided lap quilts to the patients of Big Bend Hospice. With a decline in membership, due to circumstances such as relocation, the members disbanded.

With so many wonderful members in the guild - new and old - looking to share their talents, we are seeking members to restart the group. Time and place will be decided when the new group is formed.

Recently, Quilters Unlimited received a great deal of fabric with the express purpose of assisting Big Bend Hospice. This fabric will be used to make lap quilts for the comfort of the patients.

Please contact Terri Smith if this is just the right quilting opportunity for you.

I look forward to helping restart the group with both beginning and veteran quilters.

If you have the time, QU has the fabric.

QU guild members have always been generous with their time and stash...right now the guild is flush with fabric dedicated to being used for charity.

Most projects can be completed any time of the year.

A few have special dates.

- March/April - Dresses and shorts for children in need
- June - Tote bags and pillowcases for Grace Mission campers
- July - Quilts of Valor and lap quilts for veterans
- November - Tallahassee Museum - opportunity quilt
- December - Hang Tough Foundation: holiday or child themed pillowcases

Year-round quilting projects include:

Big Bend Hospice, Sew 4 Hope, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, neonatal quilts, bibs for Gretchen Everhart School, Rags2Bags and dog or cat quilts for the kennels.

More information including sizes, patterns, materials and contact names are available at <https://quilttallahassee.com>. Click on the Activities/Projects heading, then QU Philanthropy.

Kits for various projects will be available for you to check out at future guild meetings.

If you have any questions or would like to request a kit or fabrics, please contact Jeanne Brenner, philanthropy chairman.



*I have this strange urge to clean the house,
so I'm going to my sewing room to quilt until the feeling passes.*

New Books for the New Year in our Guild Library

Several new and used books have recently been added to this resource:

- *Complete Illustrated Stitch Encyclopedia* by Eaglemoss Publications
- *Mastering Machine Applique* by Harriet Hargrave
- *Mastering Quilt Marking* by Pepper Cory
- *Material Obsession 2* by Sarah Fielke and Kathy Doughty
- *Patches of Stars* by Edytar Sitar
- *Quilt Toppings* by Melody Crust
- *Simply Stitched* by Higuchi Yumiko
- *Step by Step Texture Quilting* by Christina Cameli

Stop by the library table to check out a book or to give suggestions of other volumes we might add to our collection.

Jeanne Brenner, QU Librarian

“Jazzy Garden”

Bright, beautiful flowers were brought to life by twenty guild members who hand appliqued and hand quilted this year's opportunity quilt. The pattern, Aunt Millie's Garden from Piece O' Cake Designs, was renamed to fit the show's theme: Jazz It Up!

Jazzy Gardens will be on display and tickets available at our guild meetings until this year's Capital City Quilt show begins.

Donations are \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three. The names of those purchasing 3 or more tickets will be entered into a drawing for 3 more tickets at the beginning of each meeting. Mary Z Cox and Joan Bertolaet were the lucky extra ticket winners in December and January.

If you think family members, friends, or co-workers might be interested in the opportunity to own this quilt, tickets and a photo of the quilt are available for you to take with you. Just sign out as many as you need at the quilt table. Then plan to turn in any extra tickets and monies received before the drawing at the end of the Capital City Quilt Show. Dates of the show are still pending.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the quilt and those supporting the guild through their donations.



Need a Ride to Guild Meetings?

If you need a ride to and from Temple Israel each month, we want to know about it and help you find a solution. Just email Jeanne Brenner or call her at home to let her know you'd like to find a ride to our meetings. She will get your information and try to match you up with someone happy to have company with them in their car, van, bus, truck, or quilt-mobile!



Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **February 28, 2020**.

Please submit materials to Carol Eskola via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. To receive a mailed newsletter, contact her 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 our Membership VP at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

Follow and "Like" Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee on Facebook & stay connected. <https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



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 Terri Smith.**

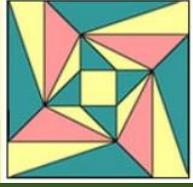
Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
Monday	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
Thursday	Sew Arty	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Stephanie Rubanowice
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 6:30-8:30 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
Saturday	Sew for HOPE <i>New Location – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road</i>	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.

2020 Guild Calendar

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
February 13	Guild Meeting: Modern Traditionalism with Erica Thaler	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 12	Guild Meeting: Wooden Quilts by Tennessee artisan Jim Sherraden	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 24	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
Tuesday April 7	Guild Meeting: Trash to Treasure Sale <i>(Note day/date!)</i>	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 14	Guild Meeting: Susan Cleveland , Guest Speaker	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 15	Susan Cleveland: Bodacious Big Thread Applique	Woodville Community Center 10 am – 4:30 pm
May 16	Susan Cleveland: Piping Hot Curves - Macaroni	Woodville Community Center 10 am – 4:30 pm
May 26	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
June 11	Guild Meeting: Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 9	Guild Meeting: Quilts of Valor Presentations **	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 28	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
August 13	Guild Meeting: 2020 Challenge Quilt Reveal **	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 1	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
September 10	Guild Meeting: Trunk Show with Christy Gregg	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 8	Guild Meeting: Program TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 12	Guild Meeting: Strut Your Stuff	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 24	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
Tuesday December 8	Guild Meeting: End of Year Fun and What's to Come <i>(Note day/date!)</i>	Social Hall @ Temple Israel

**Note: pending the Museum Quilt Show dates, the July and August programs may be reversed.



CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Items for Sale or Free to a Good Home

Quilt Frame & Extension Kit

Free to a good home, F.A. Edmunds American Legacy Quilt Frame and Extension Kit, stock number 48176. I have a box with the main parts and a separate box of the extension kit. Also a jar with bolts and parts. See picture of frame parts and separate graphic of extension kit instructions.



Quilt Frame



Free to a good home, adjustable embroidery/quilt frame. Adjusts from 4" to 18". Sturdy Canvas attaching strips. Call or email Pam Doffek (I'm in the directory).

Classified Ads -- Instructions

Only Guild Members can list items for sale or "free-to-a-good-home", or services. How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and include the asking price. Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

All negotiations and problems with a sale or a service are between the buyer and seller.