



# AROUND THE BLOCK

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**Next Meeting: *On hold until further notice.*** 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 Mothers' Day to all mothers. Also to the mother figures, mentors and others who play a motherly role in a girl's or woman's life.

We quilters have a giving nature. We give of our time and talents to make beautiful gifts for people we know. We also make quilts for charity: Quilts of Valor, Hope community, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and more. We also make quilts for their beauty. It is our creative outlet. We learn new skills and techniques using new patterns, color combinations, threadwork, and materials.

I hope everyone is taking advantage of the Block of the Week. In case you missed the link in the March newsletter, it's provided once again in the article on page two. The blocks are foundation pieced triangles that can quickly use up your scraps.

Figuring out how to return to large group indoor functions seems to be an issue. Hopefully, as more people are vaccinated and the new case numbers decrease, we can build a new normal. Meanwhile, keep mentoring, giving, and creating.

(By the way, we are still looking for a web coordinator who can update and maintain our website.)

Lyn Geariety

Quilters Unlimited President



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**Door Prizes:** VACANT

**Library:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Show & Tell:** Roberta Granville (Need new Chairperson)

**Silent Auction:** Linda Stright

**Sit & Stitch:** Terri Smith

**Sunshine:** Wendy Stone

**Welcoming:** Evelyn Gonzalez

### • 2021 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees

**Awards:** Marsha Walper

**Fiscal Planning:** TBD

**Nominating:** VACANT

**Parties:** TBD

**Travel:** TBD

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## Upcoming Programs

*All programs are currently on hold until further notice.*

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## Materials Available for Charity Projects

Greetings from the Philanthropy Chair. Recent fabric donations have been sorted and are available for the taking at Ann Gaber's home. Many thanks to Pam Doffek, Jeanne Brenner, Andrea Fenn and Cathy Gaber for their assistance and insight!

Many designer kits are available for Hospice quilts and most of the scrap donations have been sorted into fun groupings.



I can provide free cotton batting cut to whatever size you need! I also have larger pieces of cloth that may be suitable for backing.

Please call or email to arrange a time to come see what I have. I am in the directory.

Joy,

Ann Gaber

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## Block-of-the-Week

Here we are at the third month of the Year of Scrappy Triangles. Instead of the previous Block-of-the-Month format we are doing a "Block-of-the-Week", featuring quick, scrap-friendly half-square triangle blocks that finish at 6" square. These patterns were created by Leila Gardunia as a Year of Scrappy Triangles and are available for free from her website. Follow this [link](https://mailchi.mp/91b3eca58b70/scrappytriangles) (<https://mailchi.mp/91b3eca58b70/scrappytriangles>) to her site and download the PDF that includes an introduction and all the patterns, plus a link to a paper-piecing tutorial.

The idea is to do four or five patterns a month so that it will take about a year to finish all the patterns. If you make one of each pattern there will be enough blocks for a 48" by 36" crib quilt, plus 4 extra blocks. These blocks are all paper-pieced, so I will include a few suggestions on this technique each month.

### Paper-Piecing Tools

- In my experience, an essential paper piecing tool is a seam ripper. I especially like the tiny Bernina seam ripper for undoing mistakes in the small stitches used for paper piecing.
- Other useful tools are a small light box and a tiny iron that I use on the tiny ironing table next to my sewing machine.

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*(Block-of-the-Week – Continued from page 2.)*

- All the blocks in this set are trimmed to 6.5" square. I like to use a 6.5" square template for trimming instead of relying on the printed outline which can get distorted by all the sewing and folding involved in making the block.

Until we can meet in person, we can share our blocks on Instagram using the hashtag #QUyearofscrappytriangles. I have posted pictures of my completed blocks there and look forward to seeing yours. Just to clarify, I am making four of each block so I will be able to make a large quilt or multiple small ones.

Here is a picture of my week nine blocks. I'm looking forward to week ten; it looks much quicker with only 4 pieces per block.



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## Quilt of Valor Presentations

Three Quilt of Valor presentations were made during the past month.

### James Guein

James Guein served 22 years in the U.S. Navy. A submariner, he learned his craft on a WWII model and progressed through the years to a 688-class nuclear First Attack sub. He served in the Tonkin Gulf, South China Sea, and northern Pacific. He retired as a Senior Chief Sonar Technician E8. He was awarded his Quilt of Valor on April 8, 2021. His quilt was made and quilted by Julie F. James now serves on the Honor Guard at the National Cemetery in Tallahassee.

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*James Guein, left, and Chuck Howell, right, display James' quilt.*



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Thomas R. Young

Thomas R. Young, U.S. Air Force, served in Southeast Asia and Thailand. At one point he was stationed at Royal Thai Navy Base. He was a sergeant upon exiting the service.

His quilt was made by Roberta and Jeanne B. and was quilted by Sarah P.

Thomas was awarded his quilt on April 12th, 2021 in Quincy, Florida.



*Thomas Young (right) displays his Quilt of Valor with assistance from Chuck Howell.*

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Donald E. Bice

Donald E. Bice, U.S. Army, was awarded his Quilt of Valor on April 12th, 2021 at his home in Quincy, Florida. Mr. Bice served in Alaska before it became a state. After three years he joined the National Guard and was called up again to serve during the Berlin Crisis. He served a total of six years and was a corporal E3 upon exiting the army.

His quilt was made by Gail W. and quilted by Marianne C.

Mr. Bice is shown on the left with his wife, Dorothy, and Thomas Young is on the right helping to display the quilt.



All QOV information was submitted by Roberta Granville.

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*Quilt some sunshine for someone today!*

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## 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

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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **May 29, 2021**.

Please submit materials to our Newsletter Editor via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). To receive a newsletter by mail, contact the editor for details.

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## Missing Email Blasts?

Check your email spam filter, check for blocked addresses, and/or add [webmaster@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com) to your contact list. Still have problems? Email our Membership VP at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:membership@quilttallahassee.com). If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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| <b>2021 Guild Calendar</b>   |   |                             |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>WHEN</b>  | <b>WHAT</b>                                 | <b>WHERE</b>                |
| <i>All meetings are on hold until further notice. Notice of the resumption of meetings will be sent to all members via email blasts.</i> |   |                             |
| January*   | Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>              | Social Hall @ Temple Israel |
| January**  | Steering Committee Meeting <i>Cancelled</i> | Temple Israel Meeting Room  |
| February   | Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>              | Social Hall @ Temple Israel |
| March  | Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>              |                             |
| April  | Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>              |                             |
| May  | Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>              |                             |

*\*Guild meetings dependent upon whether facility is available for large group meeting under CDC guidelines.*

*\*\*Steering Committee meetings are suspended unless a SC member notifies the president of urgent business needing consideration.*

## Sit-n-Stitch Groups

*Get in touch with the group's contact person (they are in our directory) for current status as meetings may be on hold.*

“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.**

|                 |  |   |                                  |
|-----------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>   | Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch  | 2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm  | Marsha Walper                    |
| <b>Monday</b>   | Quilting Bees @ Senior Center  | Weekly 1-4 pm   | Judy Lawrence                    |
|                 | Southwood Stitchers  | Weekly 10 am - 3 pm   | Jane Kazmer                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Hospice Sit-n-Stitch   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1-3:30 or 4:00   | Terri Smith                      |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Sew Arty   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday<br>11:30 am-1 pm   | Stephanie Rubanowice             |
|                 | Patchwork & Prayer   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Th<br>6:30-8:30 pm                | Lascella Ingram                  |
|                 | Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur<br>6:00-7:45 pm  | Mary Catherine Scott             |
|                 | Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday<br>1:00 – 4:30 pm  | Jeanne Brenner                   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | Sew for HOPE<br><i>New Location – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road</i><br><b>Meeting again as of 5/1/2021.</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday<br>10 am - 2 pm<br>Lunch break 11:30-12:30 | Cynthia Seyler<br>Judy Rainbrook |
|                 | Second Saturday  | Saturday after guild meeting, 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.