

The **ALL STAR**

GAZETTE

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ISSUE 2

CALENDAR of EVENTS

FEBRUARY

5 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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12 SIT & STITCH

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19 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

Program: My Favorite Quilt!...see p. 7 !!!!

Bring Jelly Roll Race quilts from Fall Retreat!

26 CLASS: COLLAGE QUILT

Class is full. Bring lunch.

MARCH

4 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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11 SIT & STITCH

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18 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

Susan Ache

FOOD BANK COLLECTION!

25 CLASS: Rope Basket

with Deb Frain. Supply list on the website! Sign up starts in Feb.

Board Meeting 10 AM first Monday each month.

General meeting 10 AM third Monday each month, with business, program, and Show & Tell. Social time at 9:30. Hand stitching group follows General meeting, bring a lunch.

Classes set up at 9:00 and start at 10 AM, unless stated otherwise, and go for various lengths of time.

Sit & Stitch gathers at 9:30, meets 10 to noon

Location: First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32223

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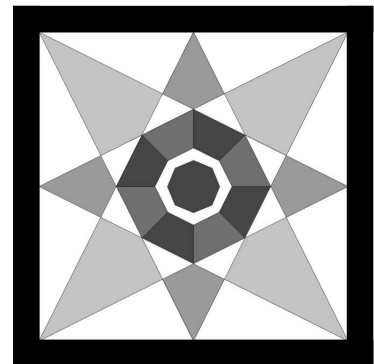
E-mail: Allstarquiltersguild@gmail.com

MINUTES of the JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Not available at this time. On record with the Recording Secretary if needed immediately. Will be published as required next month. Sorry for any in convenience.

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 Veronica Potter, Sherry Verell
 Quilts of Valor Linda Marsh
Raffle Tickets Linda McClelland
Retreat - Fall Sharon Tomore and Sherry Verell
Retreat Spring Elaine Brett and Ellen Cannon
Road Trip Coordinator Open
Sit and Stitch Mary Anne Dennis and LeighAnn McGuigan
Telephone C J Clark
UFOs Mary Anne Dennis
Ways and Means Open
Webmaster/E- mail Blasts Pris Roehm



CHALLENGE

By Vicki Zoller

2024 Guild Challenge: Make It Modern

I hope you have been thinking about your entry to the Guild Challenge since it was announced last month. If you google Modern Quilts you can find lots of examples online. I will also pull the Guild's library books on modern quilts for anyone to check out.

Here are the details on the Challenge. Your modern quilt should be no larger than 288" totaling all sides. For reference that is the size of QuildFest's Intermediate entries. Your quilt can certainly be much smaller, if you like. **The reveal of the quilts will be at the July general meeting.** We will vote on our favorites and the three winners will receive \$30 gift cards from Cinnamon's. Good luck and Happy Quilting!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Joan Davenport

Community Service Fabric Table open for business with lots of newly donated fabrics. Please stop by and see what we have. As a reminder, fabrics to be utilized for community service quilts are free to guild members.

***Note - **Community Service Batting** - NEW Batting is available for any quilt you are donating to one of our charities. Please contact Sharon Buquo by text message (904-928-9300) with your request.

Community Service Team –
Please welcome Johnnie Wollard helping with the fabric table.
Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting
Delivery of quilts – Randy Powers
Vondy Hilbert – Food Bank
Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

NEXT FOOD BANK: MARCH Donations of food, cash or checks (made out to Mandarin Food Bank) are welcome!

Community Service Opportunity - The Guild is looking for someone to facilitate the Food Bank collection and drop-off. This quick, quarterly activity does so much to help our community and it's a great way to meet your fellow Guild members. Contact Vondy Hilbert or Joann Davenport for more information.

MYSTERY BAGS ARE COMING! Details coming soon. Same as last year: pick up a brown paper Mystery Bag, make a quilt for Community Service with the contents! Add more fabric, omit some...it's your choice! Each bag has at least enough fabric for a small quilt, maybe even the back. Batting provided by request from Community Service. BIG Show & Tell when quilts are due back in October!

****SUCCESS ****

Case for Smiles Workshop

121 Pillowcases

33 workers

22 machines/sergers

Thank you for showing up and making your machines sing!



UTILITY BAGS

FREE pre-cut kits to make these helpful bags are available at the General Meeting. They are being distributed to the homeless, victims of abuse, and foster children. It is a small item that has a large impact on people in need.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

By Linda Harper

If you know of an All Star who needs a card, please email Linda Harper at Lharper16@aol.com

EDUCATION

By Ellen Cannon

The results of our appliqué survey were surprising. About half the members at the meeting were interested in learning more about appliqué. The surprising part was half wanted hand appliqué and half wanted machine appliqué. We are on the road to making both sides happy.

How many of you have heard of Hissy Fitz Designs or Sandy Fitzpatrick? She is coming in May to teach a machine appliqué class. This will be a technique class. You will actually work on a Hissy Fitz pattern of your choice. Sandy Fitzpatrick has taught machine appliqué all over the eastern US. This class will be at a discounted price thanks to the wonderful education grant from QuiltFest. Come to the February meeting to find out more about this great class.

Now don't think I have left out the hand appliqué ladies. There is a wonderful teacher locally that I am trying to get in contact with about a hand appliqué class.

February's class is Collage and it is fast approaching. The supply list is on the website. Take another look at the list to be sure you have everything.

March's class is going to be a rope bowl. This class is March 25th and is \$10.00. You will need to pay \$7.00 for your rope. The supply list is on the website and Deb Frain will be teaching. The class is open and ready for you to sign up.

April's class is that great by Annie bag I have been showing at the meeting. This class will be held on April 22nd and April 29th. The cost for this class is \$20.00. The teacher will be Mabel Holiman. Each student will need to get a pattern. The name of the 'by Annie' pattern is TAKE A STAND. You may get the pattern from a quilt shop or order it online at www.byannie.com. It is a great bag and will have many uses. We will be making the large tote. This class is open and ready for you to sign up.

If you have questions about any of our classes, please contact Ellen Cannon or Priscilla Roehm.

FEATURED QUILTER

By Linda Marsh

Randy Powers is our Featured Quilter for February. Randy is originally from Charleston, West Virginia, but has also lived in Rhode Island, Virginia, Seattle and Tampa. Randy now lives in Orange Park and has been there since January of 2023. Randy served in the Navy for 24 years.



Randy began quilting as a 12 year old child when he would help his mom to make quilts, which she would sell to help out the family's finances. His first quilt was a 9-patch quilt made on a treadle sewing machine. He enjoyed it so much he became hooked on quilting.

In addition to quilting, Randy loves playing Sudoku and wood working. His favorite leisure activity is playing with his grandkids.

Randy learned about All Stars from Anita, who he met while shopping in Joanns. Anita promised he would love the group and feel welcome. Randy says he has found all of that to be true. So far, Randy has become involved with community outreach for All Stars.

There is no one quilt pattern that is Randy's favorite as he's never met a quilt pattern he hasn't loved. Randy has belonged to one other quilt club, and that was in Rhode Island, but it was not as good of an experience for him as All Stars has been.

Channel 12, WPRI in Rhode Island featured Randy and his quilts in one of their segments. At that time, he was sewing quilts for Project Linus. You can read the news story here: <https://www.wpri.com/news/street-stories/navy-veteran-offers-softer-side-for-sick-children/1817735491/>.

Something most folks don't know about Randy is that while he was attending high school, he was not allowed to take sewing because he was male. His sister did take sewing and allowed Randy to make all of her projects which resulted in her getting all

As in the class. He sewed when it wasn't popular for guys to sew. His sister currently owns a long-arm machine and they talk regularly about quilting. Randy says he thanks God every day for our All Stars guild, and tells others about our guild every chance he gets.

HISTORIAN

By Sandy Onsager

No report

HOSPITALITY

By Elfriede Echt

The following members have signed up to bring refreshments for February:

Healthy	Sheila Schuler
Decadent Chocolate	Patty Campioni
Savory	Zina Warner
Your specialty treat	Jenny Chamblen
Sweet	Karen Duffy
2 2 liter drinks	Jill Kelly
2 2 liter drinks	Linda Marsh

LIBRARY

By Vicki Zoller

The library is back and will be open at the February general meeting. We have 5 books from the Missouri Star Quilt Co. Each book has about 10 projects. Many of the projects are suitable for beginners and many use layer cakes or jelly rolls. You may just find your first project of the new year in one of these books.

Raise your hand if you have never checked out a book from the All Star library. What! So many hands! Use of the Guild's library is a perk of Guild membership. You do not have to actually make any of the quilts in the books you check out. They are eye candy (no calories) and can provide inspiration for the quilts you do make. Stop by and see what you may have been missing.

MEMBERSHIP

By Susan Sharpe

One hundred and eight members attended the General Meeting held on January 15, 2024, at First Christian Church, including one new member, Cindy Magee. Our Guild ended the year 2023 with 175 members on the rolls. As of this writing, there are 164 members.

Thank you to all who renewed; we can justifiably anticipate a great year. I have been working on the 2024 directory with help from others during the process. My goal is to distribute them at the February meeting. Be sure to pick up your copy when you sign in. For those of you who paid to have the directory mailed to them, I will put them in the mail on or about February 19, 2024.

Membership duties are numerous and I had help throughout the past year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheron Walser and Bobbie Redshaw for their dependable and continuous assistance with membership duties this past year. They are always ready and willing to help; and I can count on them to do so accurately. So Sheron and Bobbie, THANK YOU for a job well done!! Valerie Bouffard helped with the sign-in process during the busiest months; THANK YOU, Valerie. Others who have helped tremendously include Elaine Brett, Ellen Cannon, Donna Caldarise, Pris Roehm, Betty Olson, Kathleen Voigt (maker of Mug Rugs for visitors and new members), Patty Wallace and Adriane Elwood (makers of name tags for new members), as well as all of the "Greeters". THANK YOU all. I enjoy being Membership Chair and look forward to another year.

Thank you,
Susan Sharpe
Sheron Walser
Bobbie Redshaw

PROGRAMS

By Raney Manning

The program for the February 19th meeting will be a member trunk show titled "My Favorite Quilt". Please share with us a favorite quilt you made or one that was given to you, and tell us about it. If you would like to share a quilt but do not want to speak in front of the group, you can write the information down and I will share it for you. Help us show some Quilt Love this month!

For time purposes we are asking to share one quilt per person.

You can text me at 904-235-9773 or email me manningra@bellsouth.net if you have any questions or to let me know you are willing to share some quilt love!

Thank you, Raney Manning

QUILTFEST 2024

By Pat D'Elia

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QUILTS of VALOR

No report

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS are needed by the **March meeting**. These are small wheel-chair size, about 36" or 45" square. See Sharon Buquo for more information.

2024 RAFFLE QUILT

The original pattern is called *Patchwork Swoon* The company is Thimble Blossoms and the designer is Camille Roskelley

The quilt is 74x74. We named it ***Swooning Star***.
Sandy Kaye picked this quilt because we are called All Stars. She wanted a pattern to represent our quilt guild, and a quilt that was borderline traditional and modern. This is one we have never seen at the quilt show before.

The makers are....

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Elfriede Echt (binding)

Vicki Zoller (label and sleeve)



RETREATS

SPRING: MAY 15—17 at Mandarin Methodist Church
(same place as last year) Details coming soon!

FALL: October 28 to Nov. 1

Do you have the quilt from your **Jelly-Roll Race**? Bring it to show and give to Community Service at the **February (THIS MONTH!)** meeting!

Dates for next year are the very last week of October. Pencil it in now! The committee will form up sometime in late Spring.

ROAD TRIP!!!

This position is open and waiting for someone to coordinate a few trips. Pat Delia will be happy to get you started.

There will not be a bus trip to the Daytona AQS Show this year.

SHOW & TELL for JANUARY

See pics of these quilts and more on our website!

Sunnie Malesky - Mile a Minute Improv - UFO - Dark Blue Background

Joyce Daugherty- Scrappy Applique- Miles and Miles Of Hearts- UFO - blue Sashing

Lynn Turpm - Modern quilt - Fall colors

Sondie Frus - Stars - Stars 5, Blue and White

Delia M Bright - block Stars - Minkie backs

Vicki Zoller- Spanish Tiles- Multi Color

SIT & STITCH

By LeighAnn McGuigan & Mary Anne Dennis

One Sit & Stitch this month, February 11.

TREASURE TABLE! (formerly the Freebie Table...still FREE!)

By Linda Harper

It's gonna be a BIG ONE! Be on the lookout for some real good stuff, after taking a 2-month vacation!

Quilting and sewing-related items ONLY. Your old treasures can find a new home! People place their items on the table as they arrive, so you want to check it more than once during the meeting time.

No items are held over for the next month. If yours are not claimed, you may take them home, or they will be donated to an appropriate place.

UFOs 2023

By Mary Anne Dennis

Please remember to sign in when you bring or show your quilt...and if it is part of the UFO project, get your card punched. **The UFO Project will end in December this year**, so get busy and get that card punched!

Finish 10 quilts...win a gift certificate to a local quilt shop!

Be sure to list your Show & Tell as a UFO and get your card punched.

LAST CHANCE!

2024 is the Year of the UFO before it goes on break for a year or so. Get busy and make those UFOs count!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 3 CAROL BURD
- 4 STACY WILSON
- 6 LORI JOHNSTON
- 14 BECKY HURLEY
- 17 VERONICA POTTER
- 22 RANEY MANNING
- 27 MARY ANN MASCELLINO
- 28 KELLY ASHLINE
- 28 BETTY SMITH

MARCH

- 1 LINDA WILSON
- 3 BETTY OLSON
- 14 SANDRA KAYE
- 14 BONNIE TAYLOR
- 15 GEORGIA MORRIS
- 18 VALERIE BENNETT
- 22 WENDY ANTHONY
- 25 BEVERLY ROUX
- 26 DONNA CALDARISE



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

A stash should not be a museum with everything behind glass forever, but a restaurant with a revolving menu.

Amanda Leins

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE

At just 11.2 pounds, Baby Lock Amelia is easy to take to classes or on road trips. Has 99 built-in stitches. Comes with a convenient travel bag so she's always ready to go. Just cleaned. Original cost was \$500. Selling for \$175.

Call Sheri Harnack at 386-325-6752.

QUILTING SERVICES

Binding

Trish Egbert
904-735-0294

Quilting

BQ Enterprises, LLC (aka **Sharon Buquo**) **904-928-9300**
BUDGET FRIENDLY!!!!

Edge to Edge only (Several patterns to choose from)

Support your fellow All Stars!

DO YOU PROVIDE QUILTING SERVICES for OTHERS?

Please contact Sunnie (sunsy @ comcast.net) with the following: **Name...Location...**

Type of services (longarm? Custom or pantographs?...however you like to describe what you offer!), binding, finishing partial quilts, quilt repair, etc. Hand quilting???

Best way to contact you.

NO pricing...that's between the customer and the quilter.

THANKS TO THE ALL STARS GUILD!

On December 1, 2023, Mary Ann Denis and some of her helpers, Randy Powers and Leigh Ann Mc Guigan, assembled a beautiful display of quilts at the Walker Jones Park. Annually, the Mandarin Museum arranges for a Winter Celebration for the community. There are animals for children to pet, ponies to ride and many organizations that treasure the history of Mandarin such as the Tea-Cup Ladies, Confederate and Union re-enactors, as well as old fashioned snacks, games and of course Santa will be there.

It takes a lot of work to engage people of all ages and in 2023, almost 1500 Mandarins enjoyed the event. Thanks to Volunteers like Mary Ann, Randy and Leigh Anne, it was a grand success!

Maureen Orr