

The ALL STAR

GAZETTE

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ISSUE 1

CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY

1 BOARD MEETING 10 am

All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. Gazette deadline is midnight tonight.

8 SIT & STITCH any project, some will be kit making for the 29th

**15 GENERAL MEETING 10 am
BIRTHDAY PARTY &
LUNCHEON (\$6 for the box
lunch)**

22 SIT & STITCH your project!

**29 SIT & STITCH: see p. 5!
PILLOWCASE WORKSHOP**
learn the "burrito method".
Free KITS available!

FEBRUARY

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12 SIT & STITCH

You can sit, or you can stitch, or you can do both. Meet new people, see your friends, learn something new, get help with a project!

19 GENERAL MEETING 10 am
Program TBA...bring Fall
Retreat Jelly Roll quilts

26 CLASS: COLLAGE QUILT
Class is full. Bring lunch.

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

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MINUTES of the DEC. '23 GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Verrell at 10:00 A.M. Sherry asked if there were any corrections to the November General Meeting Minutes. There were none. Linda Harper made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Jill Kelly seconded the motion.

Sherry announced that we have volunteer openings. We need a back up for Susan Kingston, Show 'n Tell. The Community Service fabric table needs a helper. And we need a Ways and Means Chair.

Vice President/Programs Raney Manning thanked members who decorated the Flamingos, they are fabulous! January we will have our installation of officers.

Treasurer Sharon Tomore gave her treasurer's report. The beginning balance is \$12,165.99, income totaled \$858.60, expensed totaled \$183.52, the ending balance is \$12,841.07. Sharon announced the proposed 2024 budget is \$25,561.40. A vote was taken and the budget passed.

Corresponding Secretary/Community Service Terri Chamberlain sent out 4 cards. 11 quilts were delivered to Daniel, 7 quilts to Community Hospice, 3 quilts to Safe Harbor and 20 pillowcases to Cases 4 Smiles. Terri asked for volunteers to make pillowcases. There will be a pillowcase workshop on January 29th .

Sharon Buquo stated that she needs Honor Flight Quilts.

Education Ellen Cannon stated that kit selection for the Collage Class (in February) needs to be made by January 1st . The March 25th class will be a Rope Bowl class with Deb Frain. The April class will be a two-day bag class with Mable Holiman. Ellen asked the guild if there was interest in an Applique Class. There was interest in a Hand Applique Class. Ellen asked if there was interest in a bus trip to Daytona for the AQS Quilt show. There was limited interest.

Featured Quilter/QOV Linda Marsh stated that she needs donations of Quilts of Valor quilts. Two quilts were presented last month.

This month's Featured Quilter is Diane Hutsell.

Hospitality Elfriede Echt thanked members for all the cookies and goodies donated.

Membership Susan Sharpe announced that there are 103 members, 2 new members and 1 visitor present. Mary Anne Dennis and Patti Sanders were the drawing winners. Karen Duffy was the winner of the November Early Bird Renewal gift certificate.

Featherweight Raffle Trisha Gros was the winner of the Featherweight!

Show 'n Tell Susan Kingston 5 members shared their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

The next Board Meeting is January 1st , 2024.

The next General Meeting is January 15th , 2024.

2024 Officers to be Installed in January

Installation of 2024 officers will be held at January's meeting, with Vicki Zoller doing the honors.

President: Sherry Verell

Vice President : Raney Manning

Recording Sect. : Donna Calderise

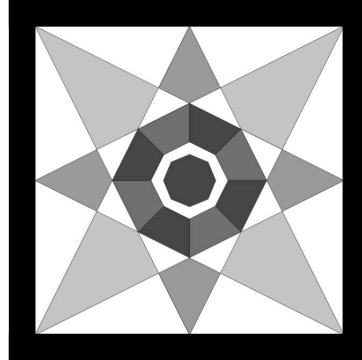
Corresponding Sect: Linda Harper

Treasurer: Sharon Tomore

There are several changes in committee chairs. The February newsletter will have a list and, of course, the 2024 Directory will have everyone listed.

News from the Board

- New chairs are here! Come to the meetings and have a seat.
- A building use agreement with the church has been completed.
- QuiltFest is pleased to be giving each member guild a \$2000 Education Grant.
- The Equipment Committee has purchased new batteries for the microphone.
- Our 2024 Raffle Quilt will be revealed at the January meeting.



New Year's Wish to All

"I hope that in this year to come you make mistakes because if you are making mistakes then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before and, more importantly, you're doing something. So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make new mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art or love or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever."

~Neil Gaiman

CHALLENGE

By Vicki Zoller

The Guild Challenge for 2024 is **Make it Modern**. Recently we had a wonderful program by the Jax Modern Quilt guild. They showed many eye-popping quilts. The techniques and graphic nature of the quilts might be new to some of you, but isn't that what a challenge is about? Be inspired and expand your horizons. Take a chance on making something outside your comfort zone. You might be amazed and delighted with the results.

What are some characteristics of a modern quilt? The Modern Quilt guild gives the following description:

The use of bold colors and prints

High contrast and graphic areas of solid color

Improvisational piecing

Minimalism

Maximalism

Expansive negative space

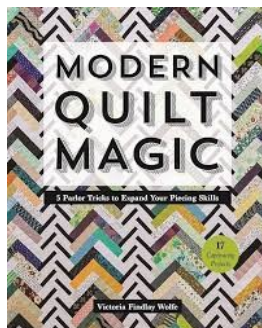
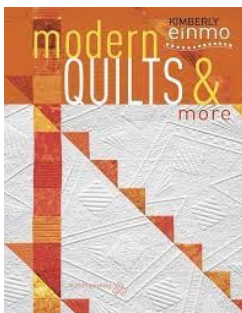
Alternate grid work modern traditionalism

Obviously not all modern quilts will have all these characteristics. You can find tons of examples of modern quilts online. Just search "Modern Quilts" and you will see many wonderful examples. When the Guild library returns in February, you can also peruse our collection of modern quilt books. You do not have to design your own quilt from scratch. There are many designs in books that you can follow, or you can use a design as an inspiration for your quilt.

Usually the size limit on Challenge quilts is confined to relatively small quilts. To give you a bit more freedom, the size requirement this time will be total sides no more than 288". If that measurement seems familiar, it the QuiltFest ax size requirement for Intermediate size quilts. But if you want to make a small sized quilt, that is fine. Just don't go any larger than 288 total inches.

As always, **our reveal will be at the July general meeting**. We will vote on our favorites and the top three winners will receive gift cards from Cinnamon's.

I hope you will enjoy starting the new year with a new challenge! Happy Quilting!



These books and more are in our guild library!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Terri Chamberlain

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHARITIES

DONATIONS TOTALS FOR 2023

Community Hospice (Peds Care) - 72 quilts
Daniel - 117 quilts
Hartfelt - 107 quilts
Safe Harbor - 13 quilts
Honor Flight Quilts - 70
Quilts of Valor - 6 (made by All Stars)
Sophie's Circle -35 doll outfits
DESC & Hubbard House - 225 Utility Bags
Cases 4 Smiles - 30 Pillowcases

Food Bank - \$3,669.00 (cash) - \$1,155.00 (food).

Appeal

*Honor Flight is in need of 20+ quilts to be given to our veterans as they fly to Washington in March. Lap size in patriotic colors. Approximately, 36x36 or 45x45.

*Opportunity for NEW members wanting to learn how to make "Hot Dog" technique pillowcases. If you know how to make pillowcases, please join us. Fun and easy. Come and participate for Cases4Smiles

Pillowcase Workshop - January 29th (9:30 AM) kits provided.

Volunteers for Cutting, Sewing & Ironing. Bring sewing machine, neutral thread and scissors.

Contact Terri for any questions. 904-629-7558

All Stars, thank you for sharing your generosity and talent.

Community Service Team

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Joann Davenport - Fabric Table

Vondy Hilbert - Food Bank

Linda Harper, Delivery of quilts

Terri Chamberlain - Community Service Chairman

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 Terri Chamberlain... for 2024 Linda Harper

Cards Sent

Sue Blythe

Carol Burd

If you know of an All Star who needs a card, please email Linda Harper at

Lharper16@aol.com

EDUCATION

By Ellen Cannon

Happy New Year!

Our first class for the new year is a **collage class and it is February 26th**. It is an all day class.

Remember to bring your lunch. This class is full. A supply list will be posted on our website this month. Set up for this class will be 9:30, class will begin at 10:00 AM.

Our next class is a **rope class and the date is March 25th**. Deb Frain is teaching this class and the cost of the class is \$10.00.

You will need to purchase your rope from the guild.

Registration is open for this class now.

If you were at the December meeting you saw the cute bag that Mabel Holiman will be teaching in April. This will be a two day class. Stay tuned for more information on this class.

FEATURED QUILTER

By Linda Marsh

Taking a New Year's break!

HISTORIAN

By Sandy Onsager

The January 1997 newsletter announced an upcoming class in "Soft Edge Piecing" a technique by Jinny Beyer. I found a very straight forward and informative 12 minute 2017 you tube video by Jinny demonstrating the technique. The result is quite stunning. It's worth a look.

<https://jinnybeyer.com/soft-edge-piecing/>

HOSPITALITY

By Elfreide Echt

This month we are having a catered lunch for our birthday celebration. We are also having cupcakes for a birthday treat. I will call and remind the volunteers that have signed up to bake the cupcakes.

Sign up sheets for refreshment for February and March will also be sent around.

LIBRARY

By Vicki Zoller

The guild library will be closed for the January general meeting, as all tables will be needed for the birthday bash. The library will return in February with five new books that I think everyone will enjoy.

MEMBERSHIP

By Susan Sharpe

One hundred and three members attended the General Meeting held on December 18, 2023, at First Christian Church. We had one guest and two new members on that day. The new members were Betty Smith and Deinya Mautz. On December 31, 2023, there were 189 members on the rolls for All Star Quilters' Guild. Effective January 1, 2024, there are 136 members on the rolls, thus far.

**For those of you who have not yet renewed your membership, please remember in order to be included in the 2024 Directory, your renewal information and dues of \$25 must be submitted no later than the January General Meeting on the 15th. If you want the Directory mailed to you, please add a fee of \$2.50 for postage. The Square will not be available for Membership payments; we will accept cash or check only.

There were 30 renewals qualifying for the December early-bird drawing, to be drawn at the January meeting.

I will NOT automatically have a copy of your 2023 form for you to sign at the January meeting. If you don't have printing capability, let me know before the meeting and then I will print it out for you; but I will only do so if you request it. Otherwise, you can fill out a new form. If you do not plan to renew, please let me know; as opposed to saying nothing.

PROGRAMS

JANUARY 2024: Happy Birthday All Stars! Festivities and a box lunch!

We are collecting money at December's meeting, cash or check, for \$6, if you want a lunch. The guild will pay the balance, however the cost has gone up , so it's still a super deal!

Please attend the party meeting, even if you are not having a lunch!

QUILTFEST 2024

By Pat D'Elia

WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM

QUILTS of VALOR

QOV is getting back in gear. They can always use quilts. You may make a quilt that refers to a particular branch of service (Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy, etc.). Contact Linda Marsh for more information or see QOV under SERVICE on your website for a link to the national page.

Samantha Howell has been trained for making presentations...you could be, too!

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

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

2024 RAFFLE QUILT

The BIG REVEAL of our 2024 Raffle Quilt will be at this month's meeting. Thanks to Sandy Kaye and committee for another beautiful quilt, quilted by Delia Bright. You will be proud to sell tickets for this 74" square beauty!

The Board will be considering which Charities to present for the guild to select as our 2024 recipient. If there is a program near to your heart, please be prepared to provide information on the charity, with contact info, so it can be in the running. We must have this information before considering an organization. You may come to a Board meeting to talk about your group. If yours has not been selected in the past, it may be considered again! Don't give up!

Quilt Mother for 2025: Mary Anne Dennis

News from our 2023 Raffle Quilt Charity

This is a typical story from **Isaiah 117 House**, the recipient of the proceeds from last year's Raffle Quilt. We helped make stories like this one possible.

"On his 4th birthday, he and his siblings were removed from their home. We received the call to expect our guests within the hour. As volunteers were preparing at the house, another volunteer was purchasing birthday supplies, gifts, and a cake. The sibling group arrived scared and uncertain of their new environment. But, within 30 minutes, we heard giggles, toys being played with, and cars zooming from these precious children. Our guests took baths, ate lots of food, received all new clothes and basic necessities, and LEFT TOGETHER for placement! This is just an example of how lavish love at the Isaiah 117 House changes the way foster care begins!"

The house on Marion Rd is going up quickly!

It will soon be time to choose a charity for our 2024 Raffle Quilt. Do you have a charity you would like to propose?

RETREATS

SPRING: *See you next year in the same place!*

FALL:

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

Dates for next year are October 28 to Nov. 1 (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 DECEMBER

See pics of these quilts and more on our website!

Daphine Moerler: Memory Grandma Quilt - multi color

Sharon Bequo - Oriental Quilt - Multi color

Deb Frain: QAYG (quilt as you go) - Multi color!

Randy Poineis: 3 Quilts- Dogs, Honeymoon Hearts, Owls -multi color

SIT & STITCH

By LeighAnn McGuigan & Mary Anne Dennis

Come join us for our Sit and Stitches this month. Bring along your projects and/or your machines. No projects, no problem! Join us for a social hour.

January 8 Kit workshop (cutting/ironing cases) for Cases 4 Smiles.

January 22 Sit and Stitch

January 29 We'll be sewing pillowcases for Cases 4 Smiles, bring friends. Great for beginning sewers/quilters to learn.

10am-12am

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

By Linda Harper

NO FREE TABLE in January. Save your items for February...it's gonna be a BIG ONE!

Let Sunnie Malesky, Newsletter Editor, know if you are bringing anything unusual or highly desirable, so others will be on the lookout for it!

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!

JANUARY

2 CJ CLARK
7 JOANNE HERMAN
8 BARBARA ERWINE
12 SUSAN SHARPE
13 TONI ANWEILER
14 NANCY MORAN
15 GLORIA HART
17 BARBARA HILLSON
19 LEAHRAE NEWELL
19 SANDY ONSAGER
21 ANN CARRAWAY
23 JEAN MCCORMICK
26 KAREN DUFFY
26 DEINYA MAUTZ
27 LOU DOWNEY
29 PRIS ROEHM
30 FRANCINE WILLHIDE
31 IRIS HUNTON
31 GINNY PERKINS



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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

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?

It's time to update our members' listings always on the website and from time to time in the newsletter!

If you'd like to be listed, 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.