

The ALL STAR

GAZETTE

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

DECEMBER

4 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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

11 SIT & STITCH

18 GENERAL MEETING 10 am
"Florida Follies" holiday party
Drawing for Featherweight!!!!

see p. 6

Get your box lunch ticket for the January Birthday Party!!!!

25 A rare no-activities Monday.
Enjoy your celebrations!

DEMO DAY assistance info on p. 6

JANUARY 2024

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8 SIT & STITCH

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

22 SIT & STITCH

22 SIT & STITCH:
PILLOWCASE WORKSHOP
learn the "burrito method".
Many free fabrics available!

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 NOV. GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Verell at 10:03 AM.

Sherry asked if there were any corrections to the October General Meeting Minutes. There were none. Mary Ann Dennis made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Ann Carraway seconded the motion.

Sherry announced that the Jelly Roll Quilts that were worked on at Fall Retreat will be shown at the February General Meeting.

Sherry thanked Karol Blomgren for making the picture board of AllStar's quilts at Quilt-Fest.

Sherry invited members to attend our Board Meetings.

Vice President/**Programs** Raney Manning invited members to sign-up for our January Birthday Party. Our December program will be Flamingo Follies, Raney still has one Flamingo to be decorated if anyone is interested.

Treasurer Sharon Tomore gave her treasurers report. The opening balance was \$11,386.99, income totaled \$612.61, expenses totaled \$2,530.07, the ending balance was \$9,469.53.

Sharon announced that we will be discontinuing the use of the "Square" as it is not cost effective to the guild.

Corresponding Secretary/Community Service Terri Chamberlain stated that she sent cards to Jean Newton, Carol Burd, Bonnie Taylor, Sue Blythe, Maureen Orr and Melinda Rials. She also sent a card (with the check) to Isiah House and a Thank You card to Dr. Allen Nathan for the donation of fabric and quilting equipment.

Terri announced that there will be a pillowcase workshop at the January 29th Sit 'n Stitch.

The guild collected \$200 worth of food and \$1,143.00 in cash and checks for a total of \$1,343.00 for the **Mandarin Food Bank**.

Election of Officers Mary Anne Dennis listed the Slate of Officers. President Sherry Verell, Vice President Raney Manning, Treasurer Sharon Tomore, Recording Secretary Donna Caldarise, and Corresponding Secretary Linda Harper. Mary Anne asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Sunnie Malesky made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers, Stacey Wilson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Education Ellen Cannon stated that Demo Day will be November 27 th at 10:00AM. Sign-ups for the February 26th Collage Class began today - Class \$10, Pattern and Fabric \$16.

Quits of Valor Linda Marsh and Sandra Kaye presented member Sheila Schuler with a Quilt of Valor. Samantha Howell joined Quilts of Valor and did her first presentation last month. There is a need for donations of quilts for Quilts of Valor.

Hospitality Elfrieda Echt thanked members who brought today's goodies. Sign-up sheets were circulated for cookies and cupcakes.

Featured Quilter Linda Marsh announced that Diane Hutsell is this month Featured Quilter.

Membership Susan Sharpe stated that we have 94 members and 3 visitors present. We now have 187 members. Susan thanked members who filled out their re-

newal forms and renewed their membership. The drawing winners were Susan Kingston, Gloria Hart, Nena Bird and Janet Brown.

Sit 'n Stitch Trish Egbert stated that the last Sit 'n Stitch for this year will be December 11th. Mary Anne Dennis and LeighAnn McGuigan will be taking over Sit 'n Stitch next year.

UFOs/Utility Bags/Featheweight Raffle Mary Anne Dennis announced that UFO punch cards will continue through 2024.

Utility bags were delivered to DESC, and Hubbard House. Mary Anne will be delivering some to Safe Harbor. Precut bags are available.

The Featherweight drawing will be next month.

Randy Powers and LeighAnn McGuigan volunteered to help Mary Anne with the **Mandarin Winter Festival**.

Website Priscilla Roehm invited members to check out the Retreat Show on the website.

Program Raney Manning introduced Sunnie Malesky for her Log Cabin Chat.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

The next Board Meeting is December 4th, 2023

The next General Meeting is December 18th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Caldarise

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

News from the Board

- We have made a donation to the church to help pay for **MORE CHAIRS!** They should be delivered soon, so you will have a seat for the meeting!
- A budget is being prepared for the guild's approval.
- The Library, Freebie Table, and Community Service Fabric Table are all on holiday until they return in February.
- All guild members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.
- The next Board meeting is January 1, 2024. Yes, that IS New Year's Day.

CHALLENGE

By Vicki Zoller

All Star Challenge 2024: Watch this space!

Next month I will announce the them of the Challenge for 2024. Here are a few hints.

1. It is a topic that is familiar to you.
2. It is something that anyone can do.
3. It will likely be something new for many of you.
4. You may want to do some research before you start on your project.

Intrigued? I hope so. The theme will be revealed next month!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Terri Chamberlain

Applause

11 quilts delivered to Daniel
7 quilts delivered to Community Hospice
3 quilt Safe Harbor
20 pillowcases to Cases 4 Smiles

Food Bank

\$1,143.00 - cash & cks.
\$ 200.00 - food
\$1,343.00 - total

Appeal

Pillowcase Workshop

Pillowcase Workshop - January 29th - Mark your calendars
Please Shop the Community Service Fabric Table (fabric is free for Community Service projects, and a there has been a new donation of fabrics exactly perfect for those pillowcases!

Fabric Donations

Sharon Buquo asks you to lease bring any donations to the December or January so she will have time to get them ready for the Community Service Table's RE-OPENING at the February meeting!

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

Cards Sent

Alan Nathans - Thank you

Sue Blythe - Thinking of you

Maurine Orr - Sympathy

Melinda Rials - Thinking of you

If you know of an All Star that needs a card, please email me. terri@plusmark.com

EDUCATION

By Ellen Cannon

A big THANK YOU to the eight ladies that did the demonstrations at Demo Day. It was a fun morning for everyone that attended. If you missed out this year mark your calendar for the Monday after Thanksgiving next year. Another THANK YOU to the ladies that helped get tables and chairs ready, watched the time, handled the numbers. A lot goes into that fun morning.

Now we are moving on to 2024!! UNBELIEVABLE!! Our first class is a **Collage Class on February 26th**. We are ALL doing a Laura Heine kit. You may choose any of the Whatever's kits. Go to www.fiberwork-Heine.com to look at the selection. There is a large selection and they are \$16.00 for pattern and fabric. The class is \$10.00, so for \$26.00 you can take the collage class. As of today there are 20 people signed up, class is full at 25. This piece will finish about 8 inches square. The guild will be ordering kits. **You must get your order in by January first**. You may order the kit yourself. The guild will provide the Steam a Seam for your piece.

On **March 25th, Deb Frain will teach a rope class**. More information will be coming soon.

Have a wonderful, blessed, and safe holiday!

DEMO DAY ASSISTANCE:

Webbing available for expandable bag . Choose from 19 colors (see samples at meeting) and the sizes....3/4" and 1" wide. I am going to charge 50 cents per yard (\$3 for 6 yds). Contact Mary Anne Dennis to cut it and bring to the board meeting, sit n to stitch, or regular meeting.

"Love" pillow and "Set the Table" placemat patterns and Dropcloth Décor...Vicki Zoller
When I showed examples of dropcloth decor at the recent Demo Day, many people asked me about the patterns for the "Love" pillow and "Set the Table" placemat. I found both patterns. If you would like a copy of either or both of them, just email me (Vicki Zoller) and I will bring a copy of the pattern to you at the December Guild meeting. My email is in the guild directory.

All the Demo Day handouts and more info are available on the website!

FEATHERWEIGHT RAFFLE! LAST CHANCE! SUPPORT ALL STARS!

Featherweight AJ series March 1950 centennial model with special badge!

The usual attachments

Tray of extra bobbins some with thread

Original book of instructions

An original buttonhole maker (green case)

Box with blind stitch attachment

Extra needles....Original black carrying case....

Recent maintenance by our own Vondy Hilbert

On display at this month's meeting!

Get your tickets now...only \$1. Drawing at the December 18th meeting!



FEATURED QUILTER

By Linda Marsh

Diane Hutsell is our November Featured Quilter. Diane was born in Kentucky, and met her husband during their senior year of high school in Ohio. After a few years in college, they married and the Navy sent them to Florida. Diane and her husband loved Florida, and remained in Florida even after completing his Navy commitment. They raised their family in Florida.

Diane has always loved sewing and smocking, but never tried quilting until she retired and moved to Nocatee. Her next door neighbor just happens to be Deb Frain, a wonderful quilter and active member of our guild. A couple of years ago Deb invited Diane to go with her to a guild meeting and to Cinnamon's quilt shop to attend a "Baby Shower" quilt show. With Deb's encouragement that she could make a baby quilt,

Diane bought a pattern book and so began her quilting adventure. Diane loves quilting and the friendships she has made through it!

Though only an All Stars Guild member for a couple of years, Diane says she has learned a great deal about quilting from members and guest speakers, and has enjoyed Quilt Fest, the day trips, raffles, and the Christmas Party and considers all of it fun. She appreciates how very kind and giving the members are to share their quilting knowledge, donate so many beautiful quilts to charities, and work so enthusiastically to make All Stars such a terrific guild!

Diane finds herself drawn to traditional and vintage-looking quilts. She loves Riley Blake and Liberty fabrics. When not quilting, she enjoys pickle ball, traveling, and times with family.

Diane enjoyed working as a Newborn Intensive Care Nurse during her career and suspects that might be the reason she loves making baby quilts!



HISTORIAN

By Sandy Onsager

The guild celebrated December 1996 by bringing finger foods to share and a handcrafted tree ornament to exchange.

HOSPITALITY

By Elfride Echt

33 people are bringing cookies to the December meeting!
January is our box lunch with special cupcakes.

LIBRARY

By Vicki Zoller

The library will be taking a holiday break. Lots of tables will be needed for the December and January meetings so the library will not be open those months. However, if you have books to return, or books that you would like to donate to possibly be included in the Guild library, you can give those items to me at the December or January meetings

MEMBERSHIP

By Susan Sharpe

Ninety-seven members attended the General Meeting held on November 20, 2023, at First Christian Church. We had three guests and one new member on that day, Zina Warner. We now have 187 members in All Star Quilters' Guild. With so many members, I am sure you understand how important it is to bring and wear your nametag.

I have emailed a 2024 Membership form to each current member (this will be your 2023 form with an addendum for 2024), requesting an update of your personal information; approving as is or correcting the information. Please be prepared to print and return the form in person, with a check or cash; or via mail, (check only) no later than the January General Meeting in order to be included in the 2024 Directory. Annual dues remain \$25. 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.

NOTE : You will be initialing one of two options, as well as signing and dating the form at the bottom .

There were 103 renewals, qualifying for the November early-bird drawing, to be drawn at the December meeting. There is also an early-bird drawing in December. Remember, the January 2024 General Meeting is the deadline to be included in the 2024 Directory. If filling out a new form is easier for you, feel free to do that. The directories will be handed out at the February General Meeting.

I will NOT automatically have a copy of your 2023 form for you to sign at the December meeting. If you don't have printing capability, let me know and then I can 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

DECEMBER: "Florida Follies" holiday party more information to come!

Featherweight raffle winner to be drawn. Tickets are on sale NOW!

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!

QUILTFEST 2024

By Pat D'Elia

WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM

Pat Delia has been elected to a second term as President, and our own Ellen Cannon will be Treasurer. All our QF reps and alternates are in place. QF is pleased to announce Educational Grants will be made again, with funds from the 2023 show. More information coming.

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.

Sandy Kaye will be making a report at this month's meeting.

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

HONOR FLIGHT are needed by the February meeting. These are small wheelchair size. See Sharon Buquo for more information.

2024 RAFFLE QUILT

Sandy Kaye is Quilt Mother for our annual charity fund raiser. Tickets will be available next year...which is coming soon! We can't wait to see the Big Reveal!

Watch for an announcement of when 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. If yours has not been selected in the past, it may be considered again! Don't give up!

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!!!

NOTE: Pat has served the guild well as Road Trip Coordinator and now it is time for someone else to take the lead.

If you want to have the bus trip to AQS in Daytona in February, there has to be a coordinator VERY SOON!!!!. Feel free to talk with Pat about this position.

SHOW & TELL for NOVEMBER

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 2024**, so get busy and get that card punched!

See pics of these quilts and more on our website!

Mable Holiman : Judy Weimeyer Pinks mix quilt

Mary Ann Dennis ; Various Christmas quilts and tree skirts

Deborah Pearce : 2 quilts 1)Quilts of Valor red/white/blue, 2)Charity quilt Blue and Yellow

Elfriedo Echt : purple table topper

Karen Duffey: 2 quilts, 6 stockings assorted christmas fabrics

Ellen Ford : Community service quilt, peach and purple

Gloria Hart: Green Quilt

Vicki Zoller: Highs and Lows Jacksonville 2022, multicolor

SIT & STITCH

By Trish Egbert & Mary Anne Dennis

The last Sit 'n Stitch of 2023 is December 11. We've had fun this year sharing our quilting projects, chatting, laughing, learning, and (oh, yeah) getting some work done. Keep in mind January 29. It's the special Sit 'n Stitch for making pillowcases for kids in the hospital. You will want to bring out any bright, happy fabric you can spare. Our goal is to bring a smile to a child who sorely needs it.

If you can't make the Sit 'n Stitch but still want to make a pillowcase or two to donate, check the guild website for the pattern. Besides being important, this project is fun, as you turn a seemingly ridiculous fabric burrito into a cute and useful pillow cover.

NOTE: Trish will be bowing out of her role here. Welcome LeighAnnMcGuigan as new co-chair with Mary Anne.

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

By Linda Harper

NO FREE TABLE December and January. Save your items for February.

UFOs 2023

By Mary Anne Dennis

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!

WAYS & MEANS:

FEATHERWEIGHT RAFFLE!!!

The Featherweight Raffle tickets are on sale NOW! \$1 per chance.

Drawing to be held at our December 18 meeting.

Featherweight AJ series March 1950 **centennial model with special badge**

The usual attachments

Tray of extra bobbins some with thread

Original book of instructions

An original buttonhole maker (green case)

Box with blind stitch attachment

Extra needles

Original black carrying case

Recently rehabbed by our own Vondy Hilbert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

3 ELFRIEDE ECHT

3 KATHLEEN VOIGT

4 ANNETTE GRAHAM

5 DONNA NICKLIS

5 LAURA ROWE

6 LINDA MCCLELLAND

7 TERRI CHAMBERLAIN

9 ELIZABETH COUCHOUD

18 KRISTAN VAN DALSUM-HEIN

23 SHARON WILCOX
25 PATTI SANDERS
25 VIRGINIA WALLER
27 DIANE HUTSELL
29 GERI WILLEMS
31 SHARON TOMORE



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MARKETPLACE

No offerings this month

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.

