

The **ALL STAR GAZETTE**

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ISSUE 11

CALENDAR of EVENTS

NOVEMBER

7 BOARD MEETING 10 am
All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.
Gazette deadline is midnight tonight.

14 SIT & STITCH

21 GENERAL MEETING 10 am:
Collage Quilts with Joshua McLean
of Cut Up and Sew
Start of EARLY BIRD membership renewals! Get yours in for a prize drawing .p.8
Sign up starts for free Sweatshirt Jacket lecture/demo/ class see p.5
FOOD BANK!!! See p. 4

28 DEMO DAY! 10 AM
Learn a variety of small gifts & remembrances to make for the upcoming holidays. Don't be late!!!!

DECEMBER

5 BOARD MEETING 10 am
All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.
Gazette deadline is midnight tonight.

12 SIT & STITCH

19 GENERAL MEETING 10 am:
"Winter Wonderland" celebration
Short business session, followed by
FUN & GAMES
Last chance for Early Bird renewal drawing see p. 7 & 8
No Freebie Table until Feb. 2023
ZOOM discontinued

26 SIT & STITCH

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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Website: <https://www.allstarquilters.org>

MINUTES of the OCT. GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President, Pat D'Elia at 10:04 a.m.
Please silence cell phones. Thought for the Day provided by member Valerie Bennett: "The miracle is this: The more we share, the more we have." (author Leonard Nimoy)
Motion was made by Barbara Nichols to approve the September minutes, and seconded by Jill Kelly. The motion passed.

Miscellaneous Matters by Pat D'Elia

Received letter from QuiltFest President Isabel Frost thanking All Stars for their support for the 2022 quilt show; states our guild made a significant contribution toward the show's success, Quilt Walk, etc. 2023 theme will be Sew Full of Whimsy.

Raffle Quilt sold \$1,662 tickets. The entire amount will go to Volunteers in Medicine. Pris Roehm won the quilt.

The December holiday event will have a Winter Wonderland theme.

The guild will be discontinuing Zoom after the December board meeting.

Pat, Sondie, Ellen Cannon and Patty Wallace will visit a senior citizen facility to present a program on quilting. It's a Community Service opportunity.

An Executive Board Meeting was held on October 3. Discussed: health of guild, treasury is healthy, membership is healthy.

Nominating Committee slate for 2023 officers are President - Sherry Verrell; Vice President - Raney Manning; Recording Secretary - Donna Caldarise; Corresponding Secretary - Terri Chamberlain; Treasurer - Sharon Tomore, all were voted in.

Vice President Linda Wilson

QuiltFest was a financial success. It made more money than the 2019 QuiltFest. The sister guilds will receive money from Quilters Walk. Susan Sharpe set up a new vendor floor plan which was well received.

Fall Retreat has 4 openings at \$300 each. Dates are October 24-28.

Corresponding Secretary, Terri Chamberlain

Sent cards to Diane Falconer, Melinda Rials and Jean Newton.

November is food drive month.

Treasurer, Ellen Ford

Total for treasury is \$18,516.18.

Education, Ellen Cannon

November 28 is Demo Day. It will start at 10:00 and have 8 tables.

February 27, 2023 we will have Linda Hahn teaching One-Pin Paper Piecing; cost is \$50.

Featured Quilter, Donna Caldarise

October Featured Quilter was Pat Hemsley.

Membership, Susan Sharpe

We have 84 members present. Four guests: Maria Rodriguez, Diana

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Shivertaker, Sandy Hamilton and Diana Oliver.
We have 2 members on Zoom.
Early Bird registration for 2023 begins at the November guild meeting.

Sit and Stitch, Sherry Verrell
Will be held October 31 and November 14.

Ways and Means, Patty Wallace
Sold 100 tickets to the Tea Party.

Show and Tell followed by the Tea Party. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.
Respectfully submitted
Donna Caldarise for Linda Marsh
Recording Secretary

NOTES & REMINDERS from the 11/7 Board meeting

- **FOOD BANK** collection this month! Checks made out to the Mandarin Food bank are welcome. List of food donation suggestions on p. 4.
- **ZOOM** will be offered for this month's meeting and will then be discontinued in December. It can be immediately renewed should situations change.
- The **WINTER WONDERLAND planning committee** will meet following the General meeting this month on 11/21.
- **EARLY BIRD membership renewals** start this month! Print your form from the website and bring it in Nov. or Dec. to be in the prize drawing (one each month). We are now able to offer payments by Square, so you may use your credit card.
- **FREEBIE TABLE** will be open this month, then take a vacation until Feb. 2023. See Sherry if you'd like to be the new person-in-charge!
COMMUNITY SERVICE FABRIC will be available this month and then go on vacation with the Freebie Table.
- If you have a sweatshirt jacket, please wear it this month to inspire our January lecture/demo and class!
- **DEMO DAY** is on the 28th. Get some ideas for small gifts for the holidays!
Will start promptly at 10 AM...do not be late!

CHALLENGE

By Vicki Zoller

The 2023 Challenge will be announced in January.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Terri Chamberlain

APPLAUSE

Community Service was gifted with quilts from the Quiltfest sale room that did not find a home. Your generosity is appreciated.

APPEAL

NOVEMBER FOOD BANK - Collection at the General Meeting

This is the beginning of the holiday season. We will be collecting canned goods and household staples to help out families in need. Here are the items that are needed the most:

Canned Meats (beef stew, tuna, ham, and chicken)

Macaroni and cheese

Rice and dry beans

Peanut butter

Hot and cold cereals

Gift cards to grocery stores or gas cards

**** You can also give a monetary donation to the Mandarin Food Bank.

Cash or checks made payable to Mandarin Food Bank

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

Community Service Team

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Vondy Hilbert - Food Bank

Laura Rowe - Contact & deliveries of donations.

Terri Chamberlain - Community Service Chairman

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

By Terri Chamberlain

Cards set to:

Jean Newton - Get Well

EDUCATION

By Ellen Cannon

Let's talk DEMO DAY! Monday, November 28th, 10 AM, all are invited! There will be 7 tables set up with ladies teaching seven different things to make your holiday season brighter. There will be gift ideas, packaging ideas, ornament ideas, something for everyone. It is a fun morning, not to be missed. There might even be a prize or two.

We only have a couple of spots left for Linda Hahn's February class. If you are interested you might want to grab one of those spots. As I write this she is in Houston teaching. When Linda comes to our guild she will have just finished teaching the AQS show in Daytona.

The January sweatshirt jacket lecture & class is such a hit that it is getting a stand alone article. The lecture/demo will be **free** but you must sign up with the education committee. We want to be sure we have enough space for everyone.

Be sure to read the article below and grab your sweatshirt now before all the Florida sweatshirts are gone.

SWEATSHIRT JACKET CLASS INFO & SUPPLIES

Because the Food Bank was dear to Sue Abbey's heart, we are also making this a fundraising opportunity. To include as many people as possible, we have a different sort of set up for this!

On Monday **Jan. 23, 10:00 to 12 noon**, there will be a **free** lecture with many samples, showing design options you may choose. This will be followed by a demonstration of how to cut the sweatshirt and start sewing. This will allow everyone to have their own custom jacket, and comfortably work at home. Although this is free, you **MUST** sign up, as there will be a limit to the number of seats available. At the lecture/demo, you will have an opportunity to make a donation to the Food Bank.

Following a lunch break (details on that later!) there will be a special session of hands-on sewing for those who want to bring all their supplies and machines.

This has **10 seats only**, and will require a \$10 donation to the Food Bank to hold your place. (currently filled...get on the wait List, you never know!).

The next week, on Monday the 30th, those who are working on a jacket (whether you attended the hands-on or just went home and started on your own) will have a follow-up session at no charge. Bring your jacket for advice, assistance, and encouragement!

Class supply list was in October newsletter, p. 11.

FEATURED QUILTER

By Donna Caldarise

Martha Hann is our featured quilter this month. She is originally from Southern Cali-

fornia. She was born in Los Angeles, CA and grew up in Norwalk, CA. She married and raised three sons in Whittier CA. They moved to Jacksonville in December 2020. They bought a house just 7 houses down from their son and his family.

Martha has been quilting for 6 years. After retiring she took a class from a little shop near her. It was a small group and she loved the atmosphere of sewing talking and laughing.

Martha's first quilt was and Eleanor Burns' Quilt in a Day, "Underground Railroad". Her teacher started countless students with that pattern. She joined our guild about a year ago.

This is the first time she has joined a guild. She finds our guild very welcoming!

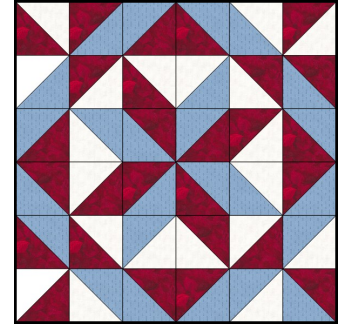
Martha has not been very active in our guild yet, visits with her other grandchildren in New Mexico and California conflict with guild activities.

Martha likes to buy quilt kits; she will see something made up in a shop or online and think "I want to try that".

She belongs to a Kimberbell Group, she is getting hooked on machine embroidery! Outside of quilting Martha likes to read and knit.

She has been married for 45 years and they have 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, 4 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 2 dogs.

And what didn't we know about Martha? She has brought quilts to show and tell but left them in the car because the idea of speaking with a microphone in front of everyone terrifies her! She thinks we make it look easy.



HISTORIAN

By Sandy Onsanger No report this month

HOSPITALITY

Our chairperson is Elfriede Echt.

Refreshments are pretty well covered for now, but she'll be sharing important information about our future meetings and how you can help.

If you sign up to bring something, you will get a reminder call a few days before the meeting.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY MEETING is in planning stages. Let Pat know if you'd like to help. Last year's catered lunch was so popular, we will probably be doing that again!

LIBRARY

By Vicki Zoller

Library News: Books of the Moment

There are two news books in the Guild library. I would like to give credit to the All Stars who donated these books, but I can't remember who gave me the books and there is no name in the front of the books. But I would like to send a big thank you to

everyone who passes their gently used books along the the library for other Guild members to enjoy.

Our first book is Botanical Wreaths: Nature's Glory in Applique by Laura Munson Reinstatler. You might be thinking --oh no, a lot of fussy, difficult hand appliqué. Not for me! For those of you who are experts in appliqué, this book should certainly pique your interest. But you could also fuse and machine appliqué any of the 20 different wreaths in the books. You can also combine many of the wreaths for a stunning, large quilt, or you could do only one wreath for a seasonal wall hanging. My vote is for the latter!

Our second book is Big Stitch Quilting by Carolyn Forster. I know many quilters shy away from hand quilting because they think they could never perfect tiny stitches. But in big stitch quilting, you use perle cotton or shashiko thread and use a longer stitch. You still have that hand quilted look and feel, but the stitching goes much faster and is easier to master. There are 20 projects in the book. Many of them are very simple and use scraps. And who is to say that you have to hand stitch them? They would look fine machine quilted, too.

I hope you will stop by the library at the general meeting. We have books on many aspects of quilting. There just might be something to inspire you for your next project.

MEMBERSHIP

By Susan Sharpe

Eighty-four members attended the General Meeting held on October 17, 2022, at First Christian Church, while two members attended via Zoom. We had three guests, one new member and one renewal. There are now 158 members in All Star Quilters' Guild. Due to so many new members (Welcome to all of you), **please bring and wear your name tag.**

It is the time of year when I am preparing the 2023 Directory and I would like to have full participation in the picture-taking category! If you have not taken your picture, or if you would like a new picture, please mention this when you sign in. For those who I recently took a picture, please tell me, as I lost track of the identification of a picture or two!! My apologies for that. In order that it not happen again, Bobbie Redshaw and Sheron Walser have volunteered to help take and record pictures.

Also, for Membership Renewals/New-Joins: Early membership i("early bird") registration for 2023 takes place in November and December.

Members who renew during the early renewal period will be eligible for a prize drawing for the month in which they renew. And did you hear?? **We will be able to take credit cards as payment** - don't forget to add in mailing costs if you want your directory mailed to you (see below).

Please go to our webpage, fill out a membership form even if your information is the same, PRINT IT OUT, and bring that with your method of payment: cash, check or credit card. (If paying with cash, it would help so much if you brought the exact amount.)

To be included in the Membership Directory, the Membership

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Chair must receive the membership form and dues no later than the January General Guild meeting of the new year.

If you would like the directory mailed to you, please add \$2.50 to cover the cost of mailing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: New officers elected for 2023

President: Sherry Verell

Vice President: Raney Manning

Recording Secretary: Donna Caldarise

Corresponding Secretary: Terri Chamberlain

Treasurer: Sharon Tomore

Please be ready to help them out when you are asked to participate...that's what makes All Stars a great guild!

Installation will be at the January meeting.

PROGRAMS

Our October 17 Tea Party was a huge success, due to Patty Wallace and her committee of decorators, servers, bakers, sandwich makers, and story tellers!

Coming up:

November 21 Collage Quilts with Joshua McLean from Cut Up and Sew. Joshua will be accompanied by Joann Lamb who is a certified Laura Heine instructor. If you have wanted to try your hand at a collage quilt but weren't sure how to get started, this is the program for you.

December 19 Holiday Party - "Winter Wonderland." Wear your most festive holiday attire and be ready for fun, games, and prizes! The committee is wrapping up details to be given in next month's newsletter. Last chance for Featherweight raffle tickets! Ticket sales end before the meeting starts.

January 16, 2023 BIRTHDAY PARTY! We start the new year with a bang!

PAT'S POST

My time as your president is coming to a close. It has been a pleasure leading you in the past two years. I am very happy with our accomplishments and growth. We are strong, cohesive, and friends as well as acquaintances. We work hard and play hard.

The goals of the Guild are to promote education and serve the community. We excel at both.

The new executive board will continue leading us in the right direction. Sherry and the others are committed to the All Stars as I have been, and will preserve the goals in the

upcoming year(s).

Cooperation is the key, and remembering to be polite and respectful gets it done.

I'm going back to my old position of road trip coordinator. We will have several travel opportunities this coming year. I will also serve on the QuiltFest board and co-chair Fall retreat.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president, I've have enjoyed the journey.

PAT

PUBLICITY

By Sondi Fus

Did you see the November issue of CreekLine or Mandarin Newsline which featured an article about the Jacksonville Quiltfest? If not, you can see it at <https://www.floridanewsline.com/news/mandarin/> or in the November digital or print editions.

Have you seen the winners from the Jacksonville Quiltfest, 20/20 is Sew Perfect, Finally? Scroll through the posts on the Facebook page, @Quiltfestjax. Please be sure to like and follow the page, too. More winners and quilts from the show will be featured in the future.

While on Facebook, also take a look at the QuiltfestJax Chatter, a group page you can also follow or join or like. You can also post on this site, so when you find something interesting to share, you know it is going to be seen by many locals.

In addition to the Quiltfest pages, All Star Quilters Guild has its own page, too: @AllStarQuilters. Thanks to Stacy Wilson for posting the great pictures taken by Linda Harper from our meetings. Again, take a look, and Like the page.

QUILTFEST

The QuiltFest Board and guild presidents met on Oct. 29 to review the future of our QuiltFest show.

Did you know it takes over \$121,000 to put on this show? Most of that figure is just for the show venue at the Prime and the "pipes & drape" equipment for hanging the quilts plus the many tables and other items needed.

The value of the "quilter-hours" spent planning and holding the show is beyond count...all done by volunteers.

As a member guild, we do get benefits! We have a share of the Quilters Walk money, plus as individuals, are able to sell quilts in the sale room. That did \$11,000 of business this year, with QF taking only a small commission.

In order for our beloved show to continue, your help is very much needed. There are so many ways to participate, both before and during the show...there is something suitable for you, no matter what your capabilities are! We'll be featuring a lot of information in the coming months so you can truly understand and appreciate what a monumental...and fun!...job QF is for all of us and the community!

QUILTS of VALOR

By Linda Marsh

Please email or call Linda Marsh if presenting Quilts of Valor is something you might be interested in. During a normal year, you would present between 4 and 8 QOVs. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of our country's most cherished veterans and their families. Thank you. lindaemarsh@gmail.com: 904-304-4181

RAFFLE QUILT

\$1662 raised for Volunteers in Medicine for our 2023 Raffle Quilt "Jester."

The beautiful 2023 applique "**Baskets of Whimsy**" made by QuiltMother Kathi Thonpson and her crew was revealed at the October meeting. Ticket info will be available soon.

RETREATS

SPRING: The committee has a potential new location. More info. Next year!

FALL: . Our theme was "Down On the Farm." Everyone had fun with a couple of tutorials, making blocks that were given away in batches enough for a top, and played a couple games. Sondie Frus invited anyone who was interested to accompany her on a walk at Silver Springs park. On Wednesday, Paula Hagan with Sew Modern Chicky brought her traveling quilt shop and did we shop! Not to mention many trips to various local shops, and the 4 people who sneaked out Thursday afternoon to eat



pie!

Instead of a door-decorating contest, we decorated our wagons! Mary Beth, the conference center director, awarded creative prizes.

Watch for an announcement of when the planning committee for next year will be forming up. Let Pat know if you have a great idea for our theme!

SHOW & TELL

Report unavailable. Pictures available on the website!

SIT & STITCH

November 14 is the only one this month!

December will be on the 12th and 26th (take a break from your holiday guests?).

In 2023 S&S will be hosted by Trish and MaryAnne. They are cooking up some fun ideas.

WAYS & MEANS

By Patty Wallace

From the sewing room of Ways and Means:

We had a huge success, measured in a sell out of Tea Luncheon tickets, raffle baskets won, a wonderful program, enjoyable fare, and many lovely behatted ladies!

Next will be-drum roll please-the December drawing for the lovely, fully functional and serviced antique Featherweight sewing machine! It comes with accessories, carry case, and more, a package that easily has a retail value in excess of \$1600.

This is one of the first groups manufactured right after WWII Armistice Day, sews through multiple layers of denim like a warm knife through butter. As the name implies, is a perfect weight, size for travel, downsizing, for your motorhome.....

Tickets are \$1.00 a piece, packets of 20 and sales will be held at each meeting up to the morning of the Dec. Winter Wonderland program, Dec. 19. Please see Linda Mc and display!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



NOVEMBER

1 CAROL VONDERHEIDE
7 SONDIE FRUS
7 BERNADETTE KNOX
7 OLE OLSON
17 JUDY CWALINA
19 PATRICIA KERN
21 LYNNE TURPIN
21 JEAN NEWTON
22 MELINDA RIALS
26 EVELYN LEDDY
30 MARITA ENG

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
23 SHARON WILCOX
25 PATTI SANDERS
27 CHARLENE COX
27 DIANE HUTSELL
29 VALERIE LANHAM

MAR-

KETPLACE

HUGE FREEBIE TABLE !!!

Get it now...the Freebie Table is taking a break until February 2023

Yardage, fat quarters, vintage quilt blocks, buttons, new patterns, various sized rulers in good condition, a wireless speaker, a very interesting hot pink bobbin holder, full box of pins, many magazines & books including the AQS show catalogs from 2003—8 and 2010-11-13-14. Do help yourself to as much as you like...these items need new homes!

Have a Merry Christmas with a gift to yourself: a longarm quilting ensemble. This **package includes a Husqvarna Mega-Quilter with a Handi-Quilter Avante frame.** This is a non-computerized model for free motion quilting. The nine-foot frame is currently dismantled, but the parts all labeled for easy assembly. Floor pads are included for noise reduction, along with wood blocks to set the frame on for added height. Included are pentagrams with laser pen, bobbins, thread and stitch regulator. It can be yours for \$480.

Susan Sharpe 703-405-3937

GARAGE SALE 'LEFTOVERS'

1. Storage box of machine embroidery thread. 64 spools Janome thread, 6 packages embroidery machine needles, and a few pre-wound bobbins. \$30
2. Appliqué kit: pattern, thread, all fabrics needed. Some pieces already cut. \$25
3. Kit for 'wacky curves & crazy circles. Includes fabrics, instructions and complete set of bias tape makers. \$15

If you are interested in any of these, call or text me at 904-535-1044. I can send a picture or I can bring to the November general meeting. I will only bring to meeting if someone contacts me about an item.

Karol Blomgren

Q'nique 15 PRO Longarm with Stitch Reg-

MORE for SALE on the NEXT PAGE!

ulation and Q-Zone Hoop Frame

Pro version

\$4800 cash, pick up only Jacksonville, FL zip 32205 (Westside)

Purchased machine and frame new in July 2020. 15" deep x 10" high Harp and both front and rear handles, each with its own independent 2.5" color touch-screen display. Overall dimensions are 23" long x 15.5" wide x 18" high. Extras included.

Dimensions of frame: 54" wide x 32"-42" height (adjustable for sitting or standing) x 37"-42" depth (for accommodating a domestic machine through 19' longarm).

*With this frame you can quilt placemats through King size (and larger) quilts! You can slide the quilt left and right to accommodate the width of your quilt and advance rows from front to back of the frame for the length of your quilt.

*Original box and packing for the Q'nique 15 PRO

*I will assist with take down of the frame.

Angela Moore

904-742-4285 between 9 am and 7 pm any day of the week.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS & TIPS!

Quilters are going to....

FANTASTIC QUILT SHOW Friday, Nov 11 and Sat. Nov 12, 2022 at The Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Court (Circle), Leesburg, FL.

Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts opens at the Lightner Museum on October 7, 2022 and runs through January 20, 2023. The exhibition is organized by the American Folk Art Museum, New York and is toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC.

Be watching for our **All Stars Bus Trip to the AQS show** in Daytona Beach this February!

SAVING SELEDGES FOR OTHERS?

Please cut or tear selvages about 1½" from the edge of the fabric. This gives a bit of the print so the sewn items can have some color!

Do you like pictures of events? We have a couple side-shows coming up to view on a laptop before and after the meetings. Relive your memories or pretend you were there!

