



CALENDAR of EVENTS

DECEMBER

6 Board meeting & newsletter deadline

13 General meeting 10 am:

DAY CHANGE

HOLIDAY EXTRAVGANZA

Wear your festive bling!

Show & Tell and Freebie Table

Early Bird Membership renewals

Drawing for Raffle Quilt

20 Sit & Stitch: hide away to finish your holiday sewing...get a free pattern

27 Sit & Stitch: Honor Flight Quilts

Patterns and help provided

See p. 10

Board Meeting 10 AM first Monday each month.

General meeting 10 AM third Monday each month

Classes set up at 9:30 and start at 10 AM unless stated otherwise, and go for various lengths of time.

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

Hand stitching follows General meeting, bring a lunch.

See articles for more information

JANUARY 2022

3 Board meeting & newsletter deadline

10 TBA

17 General meeting 10 am:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL STARS!

Lots of birthday fun!

Boxed lunch see p. 4

2022 Raffle Quilt reveal!

Membership renewal time!!!

24 TBA

31 TBA

28 TBA

Don't worry! We have plenty of ideas for the New Year! Watch for your January Gazette announcement.

We are always at the church on Mondays doing something...come on by!

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CONTACT ALL STARS

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Officers & Committee Chairs: [CLICK HERE](#)

Minutes of the Nov. Meeting

November 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Cannon at 10:00 a.m., filling in for President Pat D'Elia.

Thought for the day: A Thanksgiving-themed inspirational reading was given.

Motion was made by Patti to accept the October Guild Minutes, and seconded by Mary Anne Dennis. The minutes were accepted.

President Items, reported by Ellen Cannon

For the December Holiday Extravaganza, Pat D'Elia still needs 3 or 4 more quilts, 50"x70". Barbara Nichols said she could bring one. If you have holiday attire, wear it to the December meeting.

The road trip held last month had 9 participants. Everyone had a good time despite the rain.

We will have a guild birthday party lunch on January 17; cost will be \$5 per member, with the guild treasury paying the overage. Volunteers to work on the guild birthday party were Adriane Ellwood, Sharon Buquo, Kathi Thompson, and Barbara Nichols.

Fall Retreat, reported by Linda McClelland

All who attended had a good time.

Community Service, Mindy Ashby

Members donated \$635 in cash and checks; food for Mandarin food bank estimated at \$200; 35 quilts; and \$435 in gift cards or cash for HartFelt for their Christmas program.

Vondy Hilbert and Terri Chamberlain will take over Community Service, with help from Donna Caldarise and Sharon Buquo.

Treasurer, Ellen Ford

Balance is \$12,609.80. Motion was made by Ann Carraway, and seconded by Kathi Thompson to have food going forward.

Mary Ann Dennis moved to accept Ellen Ford's proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Stacy Wilson, and passed.

Featured Quilter, Donna Caldarise. This month's featured quilter was Randi Manning.

Membership Susan Sharpe

73 members present, and 5 on Zoom.

33 members have renewed their membership for 2022.

1 visitor: Becky Hurley, niece of Lynn Turpin came with Sharon Tamore. Door prizes were won by Patsy Beach and Carol Gilliland.

UFOs, Mary Anne Dennis. December is the last month to turn in UFOs.



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November minutes, cont....

Raffle Tickets, Karol Blomgren. The Christmas quilt will be raffled next month. More than \$1,200 in raffle tickets have been sold for the Christmas quilt.

Website, Pris Roehm. There are lots of photos on the guild website. She will send an email blast when the newsletter is posted.

Program

Some members provided information on new quilting products as well as handy kitchen gadgets.

Show and Tell. Many quilts were shown.

UFOs

Meeting adjourned at 11:29.

Linda Marsh

Recording Secretary



HOLIDAY CHEER but great in any colors for throughout the year!

SHOW & TELL for Nov.

Mary Anne Dennis....selvage quilt

Kathi Thompson...2 mug rugs and a quilt for my great granddaughter

Vondy Hilbert....Mexican Talsverc tiles quilt.

PAT'S POST

By Pat D'elia

This the season!! Hope everyone is busy, and cheerful and enjoying themselves. I had a wonderful Thanksgiving and am more enchanted with the holidays this year.

The All Stars have had a good year. Despite the crazy pandemic, we are doing pretty well. Our membership is up over 150, and the drive for next year is progressing nicely. All the board positions are filled for next year, with many remaining in place, and continuing to serve. We are trying a new system with Community Service that seems like it will make that task easier. Mindy did a terrific job the last two years and it was particularly difficult due to health circumstances (Covid) . She is retiring and catching her breath. Be sure to read her article on the yearly total of donations. The All Stars have done a phenomenal job of supporting our community .

Ways and Means helped us keep our bank account very healthy. We've had two successful raffles this year. Kathi, besides chairing Education, also put together an awesome auction that brought in an amazing sum. We are in good shape and will be able to do many fun and educational things in the near future.

Renewing Dignity, our organization of choice for the raffle quilt money for 2021 has received our donation. We got a lovely letter of appreciation from Jan Healy, after she received it, explaining that our donation of \$1000 was matched on Giving Tuesday.

Thanks to Linda McClelland for being the liaison, between us and them and determining when our donation would do the most good.

The board has worked together extremely well this year. I thank each and every one of them for doing their part to keep us moving forward. I honestly do not think it could have gone much better.

The "State of All Stars" is sound.

PROGRAMS

By Linda Wilson

November 15 - What's New (Or Repurposed)?

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to present information for new or repurposed quilting and/or cooking items. I'm sorry I missed the meeting, but I understand that the program was well received, and after the meeting, several members went shopping and purchased some of the items demonstrated. Thanks to the following members:

Mary Anne Dennis Quilt row numbering system

Sondie Frus Jar opener and vellum to be used for quilting projects

Vicki Zoller Magnetic measuring spoons

Pris Roehm Bottle emptying kit and thread catcher

Ellen Cannon Lettuce keeper and bag closers

Linda Marsh Fabric fuse

[see p. 9 for more info!]

Pat D'Elia was scheduled to demonstrate a wooden iron, but because of illness she was unable to be at the meeting. Thank you for volunteering, though.

December 13 Holiday Extravaganza. Because of Covid, we will not have our usual plates of Christmas goodies; rather we will provide sealed bags of cookies for everyone. You will not want to miss the entertaining program that is planned.

Thanks to all the guild members who volunteered to bake cookies for this party.

January 17 Guild birthday party (32 years old). Dawn Burns from The Tilted Quilters, Jacksonville's newest quilt shop, will present information about the shop. Thanks to Jean Newton, Susan Sharpe, Sherry Verell, and Mary Anne Dennis who have agreed to help with planning. Because of Covid, we won't have our usual potluck lunch. Instead, we will have a box lunch that will be catered by a local restaurant.

February 21 TBD

March 21 Susan Ache (postponed from Oct.)

BLING, BLING, *BLING*

PLEASE wear your brightest, happiest, most elaborate holiday outfit to the **December 13th HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA** guild meeting.

Many of us are working hard to make this an event to remember. There will be lights, music, photo opportunities, prizes and goodies.

Don't forget, we will be drawing for the Christmas "One" Quilt at the end of the meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!



ALL STAR BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

By Ellen Cannon

As you all know Covid is still lurking around, but we want to celebrate our guilds birthday at the **January general meeting.** The way we are going to do that is with a yummy boxed lunch purchased from a local restaurant. We are asking each member that would like to participate in our luncheon to pay \$5.00. The guild will pay the difference for the meal. If you are planning to bring a friend an additional \$5.00 must be paid in advance.

I will be collecting the \$5.00 at the December meeting on the 13th. If you have questions you are welcome to email me or give me a call. My email and telephone number is in the All Star directory.

MEMBERSHIP

By Susan Sharpe

Effective November 15, 2021, we had 152 members on the roster for 2021.

There were 72 members present at the October meeting, with an additional five on Zoom. We had two visitors and one new member. There are a total of 51 renewals to date.

The directory will be updated with additions/deletions/corrections on a quarterly basis, as necessary. You will receive the updates at the end of each quarter via guild "Blast" so you can easily print the page(s) and add them to your directory.

As I prepare the 2022 directory, it is especially important that you check your own information in the 2021 directory/updates to ensure accuracy. Please notify me of any corrections.

Early membership ("early bird") registration for 2022 applies to renewals/new members in November and December 2021. There will be a drawing at the December general meeting for a gift card for Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe for the November "early birds". So keep your check-in ticket!

Members whose renewal or New Member Form is received during the early renewal period will be eligible for a prize drawing in the month in which they renew. Last month's Gazette gave options for renewing. Please check it out and if you are going to renew, print out the form before the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

To be included in the 2022 Guild Directory, the Membership Chair must receive the membership form and dues of \$25.00 no later than the January 2022 General Guild Meeting. An additional \$2.00 charge will be assessed for those who would like their directory mailed to them (one check for \$27.00).

Reminder: As you know, name tags must be worn at all guild functions. It is particularly important now to wear your name tag as it can be difficult to recognize each other with the masks. Thank you.



RAFFLE QUILT *last call!!!!!!*

By Karol Blomgren

The day for the drawing is finally here! If you still have tickets, please turn them in before the general meeting on the 13th! All tickets must be accounted for in order to have a legal raffle. I will have tickets that can be purchased that day, but when the meeting is called to order, all sales stop.

You have all done a great job and I am looking forward to giving a final report on the total sales.

Library News

By Vicki Zoller

The library will be open at the December meeting in case you need some last minute inspiration.

I will also be selling some wonderful Quiltfolk magazines. These magazines aren't how-tos but offer beautiful pictures of quilts, articles about quilters and some noteworthy locations in the U.S. Each issue is centered around a different state, so come see if your home state or favorite destination is here. Each magazine is a real steal at \$1.00 and all proceeds go back into the Guild treasury. Remember to bring exact change!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Mindy Ashby

Ladies,
I want to thank all of you for the great participation supporting the guild in our community this past year. I am so honored to be part of the All Star Quilters' and knowing the impact we have made in many lives.

This is what we accomplished by our donations this past year:

Quilts	309
Pillow Cases	171
Wheel Chair Totes	7
Preemie Pads	16
Quillo Bags	1
Lap Blankets	4
Cash/Checks	\$2000
Est Food Goods	\$1150
Est Quilts/Cases	\$35995
Est Food Goods	\$1150
Checks/Cash Donations	\$2000

Thank you,
Community Service Committee
Mindy Ashby, Sharon Buquo, and Donna Caldarse

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

QUILT by Ellen Cannon

It is time to let this beautiful quilt go to its new home. If you have not purchased your ticket you will have one more chance to try to win this beauty. Tickets will be sold before the general meeting on the 13th.

The money from this raffle quilt will be used for equipment, education, and community service. Thanks to each of you for all you do to help our wonderful guild.

PICTURE ON P. 5

COMMUNITY SERVICE QUILTERS LIST and Our Charity Quilt Sizes

These lists may be found in former newsletters or on the website. They will be updated for 2022.

UTILITY BAGS

By Mary Anne Dennis

We had a fun day learning and making the first batch of utility bags for the Homeless, DESC, Hubbard house exit bags, Safe Harbor and Daniel. As you can see we will be needing quite a few bags this next year.

There will be kits already made up ready for you to sew with instructions at our regular meetings then as we accumulate bags they will be delivered to the different organizations. I will try to be at most sit n stitches sessions to help anyone who wants any help.

Thanks to all the ladies who came out the 29th to get the program started.

PATTERN & INSTRUCTIONS on the website



"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, "Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again."

— Lewis Carroll

FEATURED QUILTER

By Donna Caldarise

Our Featured Quilter this month is Gloria Hart. She is from Mt. Vernon, Washington. She has lived in Jacksonville since 1959 and attended High School here graduating in 1965.



She has sewn all of her life making a pillowcase when she was 10 years old. She has made matching mother/daughter dresses for her and her daughter. She ventured out in the home décor area making pillows, window treatments, drapes and some upholstery projects like headboards, dining room chairs and recovering 2 used couches bought for \$100 each.

When Gloria learned that she was going to be a great grandmother 6 ½ years ago, she decided that the new baby would need a quilt. She learned to make her first quilt by watching videos of Jenny Doan of MSQC. After tackling her first quilt, she was hooked! She has made over 60 quilts most of which are king size. Her family and friends are well supplied. Gloria is now obsessed with Judy Niemeyer paper pieced quilts, after teaching herself to paper piece during Covid 19.

She is a past and charter member and past president of the Queens Harbor Investment Club. She enjoys the stock market and watches it every day.

Gloria is a certified scuba diver, earning her certification in 1978, making over 70 deep dives. She finished ground school for her private pilot's license and has 25 hours of flight time, but she has never soloed. She has a background in Real Estate and worked for Watson Realty. She retired in 2014 from the Jacksonville Port Authority after 12 years as the Cruise Terminal Manager.

Gloria truly enjoys being a member of All Stars

and joined 2 ½ years ago after being invited by her friend Mable Holiman. The education opportunities at the guild are invaluable to her as is show and tell.

Gloria has entered 3 quilts in QuiltFest earning a Honorable Mention with her first entry. She also earned a 2nd place in Quilts by the River in Palatka and recently won Best of Show in the Northeast Florida Fair.

And what don't we know about Gloria? She used to own horses and is a former Barrel Racer (before she found out you could get hurt doing that).

FREE BOOKS

The new list is on the front page of the website. Click the button below the article to take you right to the pdf. The actual link is: [books_for_free_2021_round_2.pdf](#) (allstarquilters.org) but it is much easier just to go to the website

.In auction donations, we were given 4 big boxes of quilting books, all of which we are now offering to any guild member for **free**. Most date from the 1990's. Please take a look at the titles available and let Sondie know which ones you are interested in. In case of duplicate requests, first come, first dibs.

Claim yours today by contacting Sondie at sfrus@comcast.net with the page number and title. She will bring the requested books to the December 13, 2021 meeting.

About ¼ of the books are now claimed for new homes. We had 17 individual members claim about 50 books so far.

Sondie will put your name on a paper hanging out of the book and you can pick it up (like a library hold).

Questions: Sondie Frus sfrus@comcast.net or 904.422.2599 (cell).

Sunday deadline for Monday delivery!

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HISTORIAN

By Sandy Onsager

December 1994 newsletter True or False question – Quiltmakers tend to live longer than the general population?

True: Statistics prove that quilters as a group live 7.3 years longer than the general population. In addition, they spend less on dental (more on fabric), less on medical (more on patterns), and less on psychiatric care (more on books). This can be interpreted to mean that quiltmakers believe that they have no money left for frivolous purposes. Their longevity may be due to the large number of unfinished quilts in their closets – surely God will not take them until all the work is done!

2022 Guild Challenge

By Vicki Zoller

Each year I announce the annual Guild Challenge at the January meeting. This year I am stuck. I can't think of a theme. Please help me out and email me any suggestions you have. If I use your suggestion, you will receive a goodie handmade by me. My email address is in the directory-- hope to hear from you.

UFO CHALLENGE 2021

By Mary Anne Dennis

There were just two shown at the November meeting.

Sherry Verrell finished her Carolina Chain, a Bonnie Hunter pattern she started back in 2005.

Then I, Mary Anne Dennis, completed my conversation quilt, the Christmas front doors of which I got a few doors upside in. Started that in 2015.

December 13th is the last chance to show your UFO's for this year's challenge.



News from the Board

We have renewed our ZOOM contract for 2022. Members will be able to see and participate in meetings no matter what your reason for not being able to attend. Any new ideas for using this handy contact will be gladly discussed: classes, demos, ??? Let Pat know.

We will need additional camera operators, if you have that skill.

MASKS ARE ON! As we deal with changing Covid conditions, the Board has voted to wear masks at the December meeting. This issue will be revisited as needed, but definitely in January in regards to the luncheon.

NEW MICS are on order for your hearing convenience!

SHOW & TELL is on for both Dec. and Jan. The Freebie Table is open in Dec. but not for January. It will be back for February.

The MARKETPLACE

All Stars may list 1—3 items For Sale, Trade, Free or Looking For. A guild member may list an item for a friend but the member must be the contact person. Please be sure to state a price, even OBO (Or Best Offer), description of the items, and how to contact you. All arrangements will be made between the buyer/seller. The Guild and Gazette have no responsibility for any transaction.

Please submit your classified-style ad in a regular email.

Your Christmas gift is here!

Tutto Machine on Wheels and Embroidery Project Bag.....Lime green - very good condition

Selling as a set. \$300.

Fit my Bernina Artista 730 with extra space.

If you do not have embroidery unit the project bag can be used to carry extra material, patterns, notions etc....Great for anytime you need to carry machine for classes or for retreats.

Please contact Carol Vonderheide
cvond@att.net

FREEBIE TABLE NEWS

Don't be shy to stop by and take what you want right away! It may not be there by the time you come back around.

Members drop off items when they arrive, so check the table several times in case your treasure has just been added.

IF YOU BRING ITEMS:

Please remember to take them home if they are unclaimed when you leave.

Watch for these items in December

*2022 quilt calendar brand new & still in the wrap!

*Laurel Burch cat fabric scrap bundle

*Current magazines

* Several small quilted gift items

The Freebie table is taking a break for the January meeting, but will be back in February!

“WHAT”S NEW” ITEMS

Fabric Fuse -- Is a quick bond adhesive for fabrics. 6 oz. bottle costs \$10 at Walmart, or \$11 from Amazon. It is fast to use, once applied to your quilt sandwich, it will not shift while free motion quilting.

Strap wrench to open jars.—Harbor Freight for \$4.99 for two sizes . Simply wrap the strap around the jar with the ridgy side to the right as you tighten the strap and then twist the lid “lefty loosey” by turning the wrench to the right, applying pressure against the ridges.

Vellum for paper piecing—tears off the stitching quite cleanly and easily. Two kinds of vellum were presented: a large roll of drafting (or rag) vellum at Hobby Lobby by Clearprint(5 yards, 24 inches wide, 16 pound weight, \$0.15/sq. foot) and a packet of clear vellum at Michaels by Recollections(40 sheets, 8 ½ x 11, 29 pound weight, \$0.15/sq. foot). I had trouble getting it to print as it jammed in my printer, but it worked well in a laser printer yet failed in a third printer. Newsprint cut to 8 ½ x 11 printable size seemed to be a favorite cost effective option.

Spring Chef Magnetic Measuring Spoon Set
stainless steel dual sided
7 spoons and leveler \$13.97 at Amazon

Lettuce & berry saver by Freshworks (Rubbermaid). \$14.99. On Amazon

Grip Stic for closing any type bag. Great for pantry, refrigerator, or freezer. Amazon. \$22.95 for 30

Rows & blocks numbering system Quilt By Number by Laurie Roskind
laroskind@gmail.com

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

By Sharon Buquo

These quilts measure 40 x 40. The amount of fabric needed is less than a yard of each. I used the leftovers for the backing.

You do not have to make this pattern. Be creative people!

I have another pattern that uses 6 1/2 inch white squares and 3 1/2 inch squares in red and blue. This works well for scrappy and looks good.

Both go together quite quickly.

We will be sewing at December's Sit & Stitch on the 27th if you want some help or just fun with friends!

Big Star Quilt

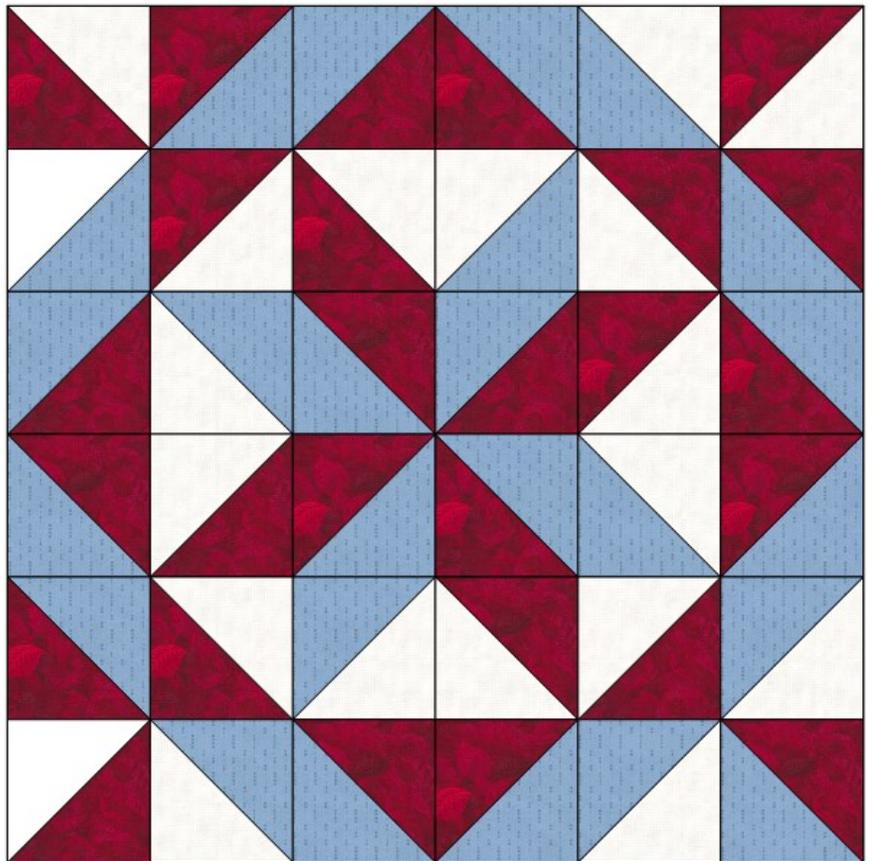
10 White 8 inch squares

14 Red 8 inch squares

12 Blue 8 inch squares

Mark a diagonal line on all the white squares

Place 6 red and 6 white squares right sides together and Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from both sides of the diagonal mark



Cut on your diagonal mark making 12 half square triangles

Place 4 blue and 4 white squares and repeat, making 8 half square triangles

Place 8 Red and 8 blue squares together and mark a diagonal line on each set and sew as above making 16 red/blue $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles. Trim all blocks to 7 inches and lay out as shown in the picture then sandwich, quilt and bind.

DECEMBER BOM

Here we are at the end of the 12 blocks for 2021!

It seems like we are back at the beginning, as this looks a lot like January's Square in a Square...but it is simpler, because we are all tired of 2021 now!

Stay tuned for a new BOM for 2022!

Twelve Triangles

12" finished

A) Corner triangles: Cut 2—7" squares, then cut once on the diagonal to make 4 triangles

B) Middle triangles: Cut 1—7 1/4" square then cut an X to make 4 triangles

C) Center triangles: Cut 2— 3 7/8" squares then cut each once on the diagonal to make 4 triangles

D) Center square on point: Cut 1—4 3/4" square

Sew ALL triangles by adding to opposite sides of a square!

Sew the C triangles to D. This unit will measure 6 1/2"/

Sew the B triangles to C/D unit.

Complete the block by sewing on A triangles.

SUGGESTED QUILT:

These blocks will probably look balanced if you set them 3 x 4 in the same order as they were given, but feel free to make your set any way you like! Sashing no more than 2" wide (cut 2 1/2" strips).

Look for a quilt pattern for 12— 12" blocks that you like, and use that pattern info for fabric amounts for sashings, borders, etc. If you need help, contact Sunnie (sunsy@comcast.net) to arrange a meeting at Sit & Stitch some Monday.

