

The Gazette

All Star Quilters' Guild

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We meet at: First Christian Church
11924 San Jose Blvd
Jacksonville, FL

Calendar of Events

April 2020

GUILD ACTIVITIES CANCELLED

Stay home. Stay safe. Stay calm and sew on.

May 2020

- 4 Guild Board Meeting 10:00 AM
- 4 Deadline for submitting articles for the May edition of the Gazette
- 11 Sit 'n Stitch 10:00 – 12:00
- 11 10:00 - 12:00 Zentangle Group with Marita
- 14 – 15 Spring Retreat
- 18 General Guild Meeting 10:00 AM
- 18 Immediately following the Meeting: Hand stitching with Elaine Brett: applique, embroidery, etc.
Bring a lunch.
- 25 Sit 'n Stitch 10:00 – 12:00

June 2020

- 1 Guild Board Meeting 10:00 AM
- 1 Deadline for submitting articles for the June edition of the Gazette
- 8 NO GUILD ACTIVITIES – Vacation Bible School at the church
- 15 General Guild Meeting 10:00 AM – Food Bank Drive – Challenge Reveal
- 15 Immediately following the Meeting: Hand stitching with Elaine Brett: applique, embroidery, etc.
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- 22 Sit 'n Stitch 10:00 – 12:00
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Below are the three choices for this year's charity quilt proceeds. Please read and carefully consider which you wish to vote for. You have until April 15th to vote. If you know a member that doesn't read their emails, please let them know about the vote. We want as many members as possible to have the opportunity to vote. Please submit your vote to Pat Delia at patdelia@comcast.net or call her at 904-742-8359.

1) WOMEN BUILD AT BEACHES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller in Americus, GA. They formed the familiar organization that builds homes with the labor of volunteers, and contributions of construction materials, and community members.

In the beginning houses were built mostly by men with construction skills. Women were allowed to paint, to landscape, or to clean up. Women on those building crews began learning building skills. If women are the primary owners of the Habitat houses, why shouldn't women build the house? In 1991 a group of women in Charlotte NC completed the first Habitat house built solely by women.

In 2004 the first Women Build Volunteers at Beaches Habitat for Humanity built their first home. Since then they have built 34 houses. Learning new skills and completing construction tasks that are generally thought of as "men's work" rewards women with confidence. Women teaching other women constructions skills sends a powerful and positive message. We (Joyce is a Women Build Volunteer) are enabling women to create stability, strengthen families financially and develop sustainable communities. Often on the worksite volunteers hear "This is not a hand-out, but a hand up."

The Raffle Quilt proceeds will help pay for doors and windows in their next home.

Need more information? Check out beacheshabitat.org. Click on "Get Involved", "Volunteer to Build Homes", Women Build. Enjoy the picture.

2) Hart Felt Ministries

Hart Felt Ministries was established in 2002 to help seniors age in place. The services provided were companionship/ friendly visits, grocery shopping and light housekeeping. These services have grown to include wheelchair ramps provided and installed, home repairs/yard cleanup, emergency financial assistance and transportation program. These services are provided at no cost to the clients. Clients must be 70 years or older and most reside in Duval county, but Clay and St Johns counties are served when resources are available.

We collect and plan our resources so holidays are a little extra special. Financial donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. Join us to help improve a life.

HartFelt.org

904-861-2799

2) **Renewing Dignity**

Most but not all of us are past menopause, but we remember what a nuisance our period could be, but it was just a nuisance. Imagine in this day and age going without proper protection. It is a basic necessity. Women and girls in our community miss school or work because they don't have tampons or pads. Hard to imagine, but true.

The Issue:

One in four low-income women report a lack of access to period supplies — that is about 100,000 women and girls in NE Florida. This health and safety issue is linked to using substitute products (toilet tissue, socks, rags, etc.), stretching product usage, and missing work, school or other similar events. To make matters worse, menstrual products are not included in safety net programs such as SNAP (food stamps) and WIC (women, infants and children nutritional program).

The Mission:

In collaboration with partnering organizations (Feeding Northeast Florida, The Women's Giving Alliance and The Community Foundation for NE Florida), **Renewing Dignity** is dedicated to providing essential period products to women and girls who can't afford them. "Period Poverty" is a health and safety, affordability, life-limiting, and dignity issue.

The Solution:

- Talk with your friends and make others aware of this critical issue for women and girls in our community.
- Make a donation to **Renewing Dignity** (www.RenewingDignity.org) By leveraging the purchasing power and distribution channels of our partner, Feeding NE Florida, your contribution to Renewing Dignity has a greater impact.
- Donate period products at a Dignity Drive or drop them off at your favorite shelter or food bank.

It is wise that this organization has partnered with existing groups who already reach the women and girls in need. Menstrual hygiene products are basic human necessities, and the inability to have them affects a woman's freedom to study, be healthy, and participate in society with dignity. And with the help of the Delores Barr Weaver Fund Challenge Grant our donation is multiplied by 50%!

Check out their website. Do your due diligence.

All women and girls deserve the dignity of having essential menstrual products.

All Star Quilter of the Month

Featured Quilter of the Month – Margie Engel



Our Featured Quilter for this month is Margie Engel. She was born in Warren, Ohio, but was raised in Zephyrhills, Florida known as the city of Pure Water. She even went swimming in the local springs that were way “out in the boondocks”. These same springs are where the Zephyrhills water comes from.

She has lived at the Air Force Academy in Colorado, Beaver Creek, Fairborn, and Enon, Ohio. In Florida, she’s lived in Tampa, Orlando, and Satellite Beach. After a hurricane in 2017 demolished their condo, Margie and her husband John, a retired Air Force Officer, went looking for a one-story house. They found their home in Middleburg and have been there for two years. She has been married to John for 54 years and they have two daughters. Before she got married Margie taught high school English. After that she stayed home to be with her daughters.

Margie has been quilting for 30 years. She got started in quilting because she wanted to make a Christmas quilt. She already knew how to sew. Her first quilt was made without a pattern or any directions. It was a mixture of piecing, applique (hand and machine) and hand quilting. Then she started buying quilt books and watching Alex Anderson’s shows which became her first “classes”.

In the 1990’s she started her career of teaching quilting nationally, writing 3 quilt books and even organized a non-profit quilt education group to teach students to quilt. For 15 years she held camps in Satellite Beach for kids age 9 and up.

Margie joined All Stars in 2018. Margie said “the first time I visited All Stars I thought it was among the best I’d ever observed. All Stars shows great support and caring for its members, and I always hear such positive comments at the Meetings”.

She and her husband loved cruising and spent a few summers living on a small cruise ship. Once they stayed on the poor island of Pago-Pago for 3 wonderful days and she bought most of the cotton fabric in the town for \$3 a yard. She still uses the quilt she made from the fabric.

She continues to love all things quilting including learning new things. She has exhibited quilts in Paducah, Houston, Orlando, Jaxfest, and others. She has been a rep for Bernina and AQS at the shows.

2020 All Star Challenge: Pick a Card

Our Guild Challenge "Pick a Card" is in progress. I hope those of you who have chosen a card have had some time to work on your entry. If you want to get in on the fun, just email me and I will pick a card for you. It might be even more of a challenge than usual since you will probably have to work with materials you have on hand!

To recap the challenge info: Your entry has to be inspired by your card in whatever way you choose. Entries must be no larger than 45" x 45". Our original date of reveal was the June

General meeting, but who knows if that will be the case. At whatever meeting is chosen, we will vote on our favorites, and the top 3 will receive \$30 gift cards to Cinnamon's, plus bragging rights and a ribbon for your sewing room.

Keep quilting and stay well.

Vicki Zoller

Antique Quilts

My name is Elizabeth McGraw and I received your contact information via the All-Star Quilters website. I have been organizing some closets in my home during the last few weeks and have several antique quilts that I don't know what to do with. My grandmother and my husband's grandmother/great grandmother quilted them, so I know they are quite old. They are lovely, but I don't use them and would like to either sell them or donate them so someone who would enjoy them. Do you have any suggestions on where I may sell them or donate them?

Many thanks in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McGraw

(904) 361-8183

Community Service

I just want to thank all of you who have stepped up to support our local agencies with their requests of face masks during this epidemic. That is who we are!

We will pick up our normal programs once we resume our meetings.

Thank you,

Mindy Ashby

Education

The class with Margie Engel is tentatively rescheduled for June. Margie would like it to be a two-part class, giving members the option of just staying a bit longer on each day and coming back fresh in the morning, so we may go with June 15, after the General meeting and a quick lunch, and then June 16. It sounds like she has some exciting new things to teach!!!! We'll keep you updated, as this is contingent upon area health concerns as well as the schedule at the church. If you were on the original class list, please communicate with Pris.

Pris Roehm

Friendship Spring Quilting Retreat

Dreaming of Better Times on May 27th, 2020

WOW, how our lives have changed! Due to our life changes, I called Epworth by the Sea. We have some changes to our plans – not the dates! For the Spring Quilting Retreat for Friendship Quilting Guild and all the guests we've asked to join us, here are our changes:

1. Dates remain the same for the end of May 27-30, 2020 – That is Wednesday thru Saturday. Prices remain the same.
2. **This is a NEW offer.** The Bunk House beds are similar to Allstars Retreat at Silver Springs. There are 10 bottom ones and they rent for \$58.41 each night for one lower bunk. You need to bring your own linens, there is no TV, no phone, 2 toilets, 3 vanities, 3 showers. This info is just in case you would like this experience and want to share with others in a single bed. You may schedule 2 or 3 nights.
3. They will need a deposit of \$30 (if you paid \$25 that is okay). Due date is effective April 24th. We also need to know how many rooms to order. Please see that Lynn Painter has your check or cash. Lynn will hold your check just in case We are still in a ‘shut down’ and need to cancel.
4. Balance on the total will be due to Lynn by 18 May. We need the money to be able to pay our total to them.

This means, please, decide if you want to go and reserve your room as a single, double or if you want to share your bed you can have up to 4 per room.

Or have a bunk bed in the cabin. Check out their website to see pictures. Whether you are staying 2 or 3 days. Please explain this to Lynn when reserving your room. Also tell her if you are sharing a room and who is your roommate. This will help us all get the rooms we need. There are handicapped rooms, please request with your order.

RECAP: We have some rooms reserved but final count must be by the 24th of April. We certainly hope we all will be able to have Quilting Fun at this wonderful, peaceful Retreat.

Lynn Painter 282-8454 Gladys Moore 403-3311

Gladys Moore

Historian

Photos from the February meeting have been posted on our website.

<http://www.allstarquilters.org/>

History April 1993 challenge “In the Sultan’s Garden” was won by member Mary Stout, who continues to be a member today. The guild “opportunity” quilt was won by Doris Terrell. Doris also won the first guild “opportunity” quilt 2 years prior. Now that’s a lucky lady.

10 Reasons to Purchase Fabric (*copied from the April 1993 newsletter with a few edits/updates better suited for 2020*)

1. It helps keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and quilt shops.
2. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.

3. Because it's on sale.
4. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook it to enjoy it, you never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
5. Because I'm worth it.
6. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining room table....
7. Stress from dealing with the Fabric Control Officer (my husband) made me do it.
8. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul, and makes me feel good.
9. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
10. A yard a day is all the quilt shops of America ask.

Sandy Onsager

Kathi's Notes

I hope everyone is safe and well. We will all get through this trying time. When we next meet lots of things to finish. We will vote on our charity so we can get tickets printed. Have our classes that have been postponed. And best of all just be together. I'm hoping each person promoting their charity posts them in the Gazette.

I am working on a lot of UFO's while I'm here in Michigan. Also spending quality time with my Great grandson.

Have you got your card quilt done?

Again, stay safe, stay well. See you soon

Kathi Thompson

Library

I have been trying to use this downtime productively, and one of the tasks I have completed is ordering a couple of books that were requested by Guild members. The books are Bodacious Applique by our own Margie Engel and Modern Selvage Quilting. These books should arrive in May. One of the many downsides about "house arrest" is not getting to see my quilting buds. Staying in touch via email is great, but I look forward to seeing all you in better times.

Vicki Zoller

Orphan Blocks: UFO Project 2020

Well, this year is certainly going in a different way than we'd have planned!

At some point our regular activities will resume, but until then, we can continue to think about or work on using our Orphan Blocks.

If you have any that are not inspiring to you, perhaps you could use them for the personal protection masks that so many are making right now. Yes, cut them up...they will do better being used than sitting in a box!

Since we all will have some extra sewing time, here are the basic ideas for getting started on your blocks:

1) Collect all you can find, then sort them into groups that have something in common...size, color, fabric type, theme, etc. You may re-sort and combine them several times until a project comes to mind. The rest can go in another project later.

2) "Equalize" the blocks...make the small ones larger by adding on, or the larger ones smaller by trimming off (one project at a time, not all of them!)

3) Unify the blocks by using sashing that brings 1 color throughout the quilt. The blocks can be quite different, but that one (possibly bold) color will pull them all together. The sashing can be that equalizer.

Don't force yourself to work on these! If it's not fun, put them aside for another time. We do not need any extra stress. Work on something else that gives you pleasure and enjoyable distraction. A big part of the original plan was to be meeting together to share ideas and inspirations, and all that is on hold for a while. It's OK!

Remember to be good to yourself, so you can be good to others. We will get through this as best we can, and meanwhile, as quilters, we are all very blessed to have the stashes and equipment that we have been teased about for so long!

Feel free to email me if you have any questions or comments: sunsky@comcast.net

Sunnie Malesky

Programs

I have stopped thinking about programs. Can't book, no one knows what a good date is so no one wants to be booked. Anything already booked is a moving target depending on dates already booked that will surely move again and again.

I have a program ready to go when we get back to normal, so for now we are covered.

My brain and programs are going around and round. I'm dizzy and done.

Betty Ann Agnew

Quilts of Valor

Through the Quilts of Valor Foundation, our guild can purchase fabric from a wholesaler named Marshall Dry Goods Wholesale. Fabric is sold in two ways:

- Bolt of 15 yards
- Bundle of 102 yards (mixed fabrics)

Website is www.marshalldrygoodswholesale.com

Fabric on bolts is \$42.75, which comes to \$2.45 per yard and includes shipping of \$6.00 per bolt. Bundles are \$280.10 (\$2.55 per yard) and includes shipping of \$20.00 per bundle. No sales

tax is charged since the warehouse is in Arkansas. Any orders must be given to Linda Marsh for ordering. Rules are:

- Your order must be in writing listing your name and what you wish to order. You can split bolts of fabric with other members, but only ONE CHECK per order will be accepted and should be made payable to Linda Marsh. Payment must be made at time the order is placed. You will need to coordinate cost for each buyer among yourselves, as well as cutting the bolts.
- Orders for batting will only be accepted if you pick up your batting bolt from Linda's house (Rivertown). They are too heavy and bulky to bring to guild meetings. Marshall's batting bolts are 96" x 30 yards (smaller than the 40 yards as many retailers sell). Their best deal on batting is the store brand called Cozy Cotton. It is 80% cotton and 20% polyester for \$99. Shipping will be added after invoiced so shipping costs can be accurately assessed.
- If you order from this wholesaler, please remember this resource was set in place by Quilts of Valor Foundation and consider making a Quilt of Valor to donate once every couple of years to support the organization's mission.

Linda Marsh and Barbara Nichols

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

Thanks to the Coronavirus and social separation, we will be starting a little late selling raffle tickets this year. Plus, in case you haven't noticed, this year QuiltFest is the week BEFORE our September general meeting! That means the deadline to have them turned back in will be the September board meeting. I will have the tickets ready for you at the next general meeting that we are able to have. They will again be in packets of 20 (but if you want less let me know). They can be picked up as soon as we have decided on our charity. I know you are all anxious to be out and about after being confined for so long and what better excuse to knock on all your neighbors doors than to give them an opportunity to support a great charity and maybe win a beautiful quilt in the process. See you hopefully in May.

Karol Blomgren

Raffle – Bernina Sewing Machine

We still have a brand-new Bernina that needs a new home. Unless I am told otherwise, I believe we will draw at the next meeting. We will sell tickets one more time, before the next meeting, then the winner will be chosen. Good luck.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Pat D'Elia

Road Trip

We had a lovely bus trip to Daytona, I heard. Sorry to have to miss it. Fifty- two attended, and the guild's portion was about \$500. This was less than we've spent in other years. June Daniels was a dear to fill in for me. Thanks June.

No road trips planned!! You know why.

Pat D'Elia

Sewing Room Sale

The sewing room sale didn't happen. The board will decide whether to reschedule or wait until the regular fall time slot. Hold on to your goodies.

Pat D'Elia

Spring Retreat

As I write this article, I am thinking about how much I miss seeing all of you. It seems much longer than a month. I hope everyone is doing well and getting a lot of sewing done. Our Show and Tells should be amazing. Donna asked me this afternoon how we were, and I said we were fine, but I sure was tired of eating my own cooking.

As each of you expect we are going to have to postpone Spring Retreat. Postpone until when you ask, who knows! There are so many variables involved, the virus, the church, and who knows what else! Just know if we can't have it, you will get your money back. If we can have it and you can not come you will get your money back. We will continue to update you in each newsletter until a date can be set.

As I write this, I am so Happy to say Elaine is getting better! Please stay safe!

Ellen Cannon

Ways and Means

We had a wonderful response to the block dispersion for the Christmas "one" quilt. All blocks are out, many have been turned in, and several have contacted me to see if I want them mailed. I love the enthusiasm. If yours is ready, I'm so pleased. Just hang onto them until we meet again, and we'll move forward from there.

They are turning out so well. It will be a spectacular quilt. Wonder who will win it.

If you haven't done yours yet, please try to start it. I was hoping we could have them all by the May meeting (if we're able).

Thanks for the great response. Love your work.

Pat D'Elia

Quilters for Hire

Please contact with question and specifics on pricing.

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Binding Service Available

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Attention

Due to the breathing problems of some of our members, our guild has become a fragrance-free zone. Please be considerate of your fellow members and do not wear heavy fragrance to our meetings, classes, road trips, or retreats. If you are bringing a guest to a guild function, please ask them to be fragrance free also! Thank you in advance. We hope you will understand!

<http://www.allstarquilters.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/allstarquilters>

www.photobucket.com/user/allstarquiltguild/library

Hi, it's Mayra from So Sew Easy,

This was a bit of a surprise, but a good one. Our old friends at Craftsy, now Bluprint, are offering over 1,300 of their online classes absolutely free for the next two weeks. If you don't have a Bluprint account yet, I think you'll have to create one but they **won't ask for a credit card** and you won't have to cancel anything at the end of the two weeks, so there's absolutely nothing to lose.

If you're one of the few readers not familiar with Craftsy or Bluprint, now is absolutely the best time to check it out completely for FREE.

During the 14 day event, Bluprint will provide free access to their full slate of content; including more than 1300 classes and series and hundreds of step by step project tutorials and patterns making this the perfect time to learn a new craft or hobby.

Kind regards, Mayra

TP (toilet paper) and Challenge

I have a new quilt pattern. Who will be the first to have a quilt quilted in this pattern?



This would be great on a crazy quilt to commemorate the year we had to stay home and practice “sew-cial distancing”. In fact, I think I have a papering piecing pattern for a crazy quilt that would work great for this. How about you?

Sandy sent me a picture of a quilt in a “Quarantine Challenge” in Indiana. We can borrow that name or make one of our own. What name would you like for our challenge? Let me know.

Challenge on!

Rules: No rules. The piecing pattern can be anything you want, the quilt pattern can be anything, size – any size. Let’s make a date for the September meeting to show the quilts. Prizes will be awarded. Not sure yet how the winners will be decided. Any ideas?

Note: Vicki ask me to remind you - This is not a replacement for the 2020 All Star Challenge, Pick a Card. That challenge is still on. In fact, if TP isn't your style, you can still participate in the Pick a Card. Just email her (Vicki at zcats1818@comcast.net and she will pick a card for you. Have fun.

Betty Ann

Hi All Stars:

I've heard back from only 30 members. Join in the survey by emailing me back by indicating your choices by number. kjwsew@yahoo.com

Karen Weisman

1 TOP OF THE LINE SEWING MACHINE	2 1 YARD OF FABRIC A DAY FOR LIFE	3 2,000 SQ FT SEWING ROOM
4 SERGER + COVERSTITCH MACHINES	YOU CAN ONLY PICK TWO	5 5,000 YARDS OF FABRIC
6 LONGARM QUILTING MACHINE	7 PRIVATE SHE SHED	8 EMBROIDERY MACHINE <i>JessKateJew</i>



Be glad you are not on a boat with your children and their spouses and two of every animal known to man. Now that is self-isolation. 😊

Cindy Brown

In all of this mess, I have lost sight of what normal is anymore. This is a good time to make a new normal - like - I do not need to vacuum every other day, the dusting can wait, enjoy the sunshine more, have a bowl of ice cream once a week, etc. This could become fun. Try it. 😊

Betty Ann