

The ALL STAR

GAZETTE

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ISSUE 5

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY

1 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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

8 SIT & STITCH Demo: QAYG
batting squares provided

15 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

Linda Sill Creative Quilting
"A Quilter's Journey" & much more!

17-8-9 SPRING RETREAT

22 (full day) & 23 (1/2 day)
CLASS: COLLAGE QUILT

29 Sit & Stitch: Comm. Service
day *new pattern!*

JUNE

5 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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

12 SIT & STITCH

Demo: Different backing styles
Everyone welcome, bring your own project or get inspired for a new one!

19 GENERAL MEETING 10 am
TBA

26 SIT & STITCH

You can bring your own project, ask for help, work on a Community Service project, or just schmooze with friendly quilters!

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 APRIL GENERAL MEETING

All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting April 17th , 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Verell at 10:00AM.

Sherry asked if there were any corrections to the March General Meeting Minutes. There were none. Linda Harper made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Adriane Elwood seconded the motion.

Vice President/Programs Raney Manning announced that the May program will be Linda Sill from Creative Quilting. Raney is working on the June program. She is open to suggestions.

Treasurer Sharon Tomore gave her treasurer's report. The opening balance on 4/3/23 was \$9,600.95. The income totaled \$399.76. The expenses totaled \$767.39. The ending balance was \$9,233.32.

Corresponding Secretary/Community Service Terri Chamberlain stated that she sent out 4 cards this month. She thanked the guild members for the quilts they have donated.

Sunnie Malesky shared her Mystery Bag Project. The mystery bags will contain enough fabric to make a quilt for Hartfelt. The bags will be given out in May and due back in August.

Road Trips Pat D'Elia sent around a sign-up sheet for a road trip to Cut Up and Sew on May 12th . The Target on San Jose will be the meeting place, (at 9:00AM).

Education Vondy Hilbert explained details about her Featherweight Maintenance class which will be on July 24th . Ellen Cannon stated the Collage Quilt class will be May 22nd and 23 rd . In August there will be a class given by Petting Fabrics.

Featured Quilter Sherry Verell (for Linda Marsh) stated that Samantha Howell was this months Featured Quilter.

Hospitality Elfriede Echt thanked the members who supplied today's snacks. She passed around the sign-up sheet for June and July.

Library/Challenge Vicki Zoller pulled books that use precuts, which may be of interest to members who purchased precuts today.

Recycle is the challenge theme. The reveal is July. Vicki suggested if you make your Challenge quilt 24"x24" or smaller, you may want to donate it to QuiltFest.

Quilters' Walk Deborah Pearce explained the two baskets for Quilters' Walk. Donations of sewing tools will fill one basket, and donations of games will fill the other basket.

QuiltFest Pat D'Elia shared with the guild that the "Sew"cial at Cinnamons was a success. Pat went on to explain what QuiltFest is all about. If you have any questions contact Pat. Pat thanked Sondie Frus for obtaining sponsorships from AQS and Handiquilter.

QuiltFest Volunteers Patty Wallace encouraged members to sign up to volunteer at QuiltFest. She will have the sign-up sheets before and after the General Meetings starting in July.

Membership Susan Sharpe stated that we have 82 members and 8 guests present. Liz Staley and Sunnie Malesky were the winners of the door prizes. Susan thanked Sondie Frus for making the power point presentation to view the T shirts in different colors.

Susan also thanked Joanne Herman for recommending the T-shirt company, J and J Designs. Susan passed around the sign-up sheet for the T-shirts.

Sit 'n Stitch Trish Egbert stated that Mary Anne Dennis did a great job with her 4 Patch Posie demonstration.

May 8th Linda McClelland will do a quilt as you go demonstration.

On May 29th Trish will introduce a new 16 patch quilt design. She is collecting blue stars until Spring Retreat. The patterns are on the website.

In June Mary Anne will give information about quilt backings.

UFO's/Utility Bags Mary Anne Dennis reminded the guild that quilts started in 2021 or earlier qualify as a UFO. Don't forget to have your UFO card punched. After 5 punches you get a gift, after 10 punches you get a gift card to a quilt shop.

Program Raney Manning introduced Deb Strain.

Show 'n Tell Susan Kingston 14 members shared their quilts

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM

Respectfully submitted

Donna Caldarise

Recording Secretary

MYSTERY BAG PROJECT

The MYSTERY BAGS are ready and waiting to be picked up THIS MONTH at the May 15th meeting!

They are first-come, first served, but you can't peek inside! There are lots of bags, and when they are gone, that's it.

- Inside the bag is enough fabric to make a **48 x 60/or small lap quilt** intended for Heartfelt (aiding senior citizens). You may make any usable size you like. All quilts will be donated where appropriate.
- **BACKING IS INCLUDED!**
- You may request a custom-cut batt from Community Service to finish the quilt.
- NO fabric may be returned, but you don't have to use all of it.
- Add more fabric if you like.
- You may trade fabrics with others in the Project.
- Make any pattern you like.
- Finished quilts are due **AUGUST 21** at the General Meeting, where they will be on display for all to enjoy.
- **PRIZES!!!!** There are several really great prizes. These will be awarded by a Viewers' Choice Committee made up of the members of the Community Service committee.

CHALLENGE

By Vicki Zoller

2023 Guild Challenge: *Recycled*

I hope many of you have gathered together your recycled fabrics and maybe other materials are in the process of creating your Challenge quilt. There are only a few rules: 1. You must use some recycled materials on the front of your quilt. 2. You cannot re-enter a quilt that was a previous Challenge entry. 3. Your quilt should measure no more than 180" on total sides. That is it!

We will vote on our favorites at the July general meeting and the top three winners will receive \$30 gift cards from Cinnamon's.

I look forward to seeing all of your entries! Happy Quilting!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Terri Chamberlain

Applause

11 quilts delivered to Hartfelt
1 to Safe Harbor

Appeal

The Mystery Bag Project will focus on providing Hartfelt with lap size or larger quilts. The Mystery Bags will be available at the May General Meeting. Your finished quilt (any size) might win 1 of 3 gift certificates to be awarded at the August General Meeting. Hartfelt Services about 200 new seniors keeping them in their own home each year. It is a treat to welcome their new clients with a small quilt. The Hartfelt director has been providing Community Service with photos of appreciative recipients of our beautiful quilts. Come check out a photo board at the fabric table. **see p. 13**

***Note - Community Service Batting

Batting is available for any quilt you are donating to one of our charities.

Please contact Sharon Buquo by text message (904-928-9300) with your request.

Community Service Team -

Please welcome Joann Davenport helping with the fabric table.

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Vondy Hilbert - Food Bank

Laura Rowe - Contact of donations.

Linda Harper, Delivery of quilts

Terri Chamberlain - Community Service Chairman

UTILITY BAGS

By Mary Anne Dennis

This project continues! See Mary Anne if you would like a pre-cut bag to sew. Instructions are on our website at www.allstarquilters.org under the SERVICE button near the top.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

By Terri Chamberlain

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

EDUCATION

By Ellen Cannon

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May 24th brings the collage class. Have you signed up? This class is a day and a half. This way you will work on your piece on day one and on day two you will learn how to finish it. If you chose a small piece you could take home a close to finished wall hanging. The price for this class is \$65.00. Remember it is a full day and half class. **You choose your own pattern and fabric (samples below)**

July brings a HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF MY FEATHERWEIGHT class. This class is being taught by our own Vondy Hilbert. The cost is \$10.00 and the date is July 24th. We will begin signing up for this class at the next meeting.

August will bring a class taught by Georgina Lewis. Remember, she was the program in February and had all the beautiful quilts. Well she is planning something special for this guild. We are still working on all the details so stay tuned, more information to come.

I am already thinking about demo day. You know that is in November. Anyone have a suggestion for a theme? I am all ears!



Choose your own Laura Heine pattern for the May collage class! There are many!!!!



FEATURED

QUILTER

By Linda Marsh

Kelly Ashline is our Featured Quilter for May! She was born in Michigan, but spent most of her youth in Massachusetts. She has also lived in Mexico, Virginia, Texas, Maine, Panama, Guam, and of course, Florida (11 years).

Kelly began quilting about 3 years ago by teaching herself and watching lots of videos. Kelly is married, mom to 4 children, and grandmother to 2 grandchildren with a 3rd on the way. She and her husband both retired from the Navy in June of 2022, and are loving retired life.

Kelly's first quilt was made from a pattern given to her by her sister-in-law. It was a simple square pattern for a baby quilt and taught her how to quilt by stitching in the ditch. She enjoyed it so much, that's all it took to hook her on quilting. Kelly has been a member of All Stars for a few months, and was invited to a meeting by member Gloria Hart. She spent some time volunteering last year at QuiltFest during the quilt judging.

Kelly has been learning to paper-piece quilts and recently completed her first Judy Neimeyer quilt (Dinner Plate Dahlia, photo below). She owns a long arm and enjoys developing her free motion quilting skills on the long arm machine.

Kelly says "The second quilt I ever made was for my daughter and she picked a pattern from AccuQuilt, which said the pattern was free, but I didn't realize that it only worked with their cutting tool. I had to figure out how to make the cuts without the tool. It was my first attempt at doing anything more complicated than squares and boy did I learn a lot, and made a ton of mistakes. It was also the first quilt I quilted doing something other than stitching in the ditch. I am hoping to eventually redo this quilt now that I have learned so much."

In addition to quilting, Kelly enjoys walking the beach, working in the yard, and reading. Something most people don't know about Kelly is that Spanish is Kelly's native language. She was living in Mexico when she first learned to talk, and when her family moved back to the US, she did not speak any English.



HISTORIAN

By Sandy Onsager

Guild member Corinne Appleton 's quilt "A Tale of Twelve Kitties" was on display at the 1995 Paducah show. A number of guild members, including Elfriede Echt, were on hand to enjoy the show that year.

The author of "The Landscape Quilt", by Shirley Morrow Robinson, taught a 2-day class in April. The book can still be found online, however copies aren't available.

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HOSPITALITY

By Elfriede Echt

I will not be here for the May meeting but there will be refreshments.

Patti Wallace and Sheila Schuler are stepping in to do the set up and clean up and the following members have signed up to bring refreshments.

Healthy	Jill Kelly
Decadent Chocolate	Samantha Howell
Savory	Vondy Hilbert
Your specialty treat	Mary Anne Dennis
Sweet or salty	Kathleen Voigt
Drinks	Sharon Tomore
Drinks	Wendy Anthony

Thanks to everyone!

LIBRARY

By Vicki Zoller

We have had some great pop-up shops at recent Guild meetings. Maybe you have purchased some fat quarters, jelly rolls, or layer cakes and are wondering what to do with your goodies. Never fear, there are lots of books in the guild library just waiting for you.

Fat Quarter Friendly, Fat Quarter Frenzy I and II, Jelly Roll Quilts, More Fat Quarter Quilts, Jelly Roll Quilts & More, Layer Cake, Jelly Roll and Charm Quilts, and Super Simple Jelly Roll Quilts with Alex Anderson and Liz Aneloski are all in the Guild library. One of these books may just be the inspiration for your next quilt. Stop by the library and give one or more of these books a look.

MEMBERSHIP

By Susan Sharpe

Eighty-two members attended the General Meeting held on April 17, 2023, at First Christian Church. We had six guests and four new members: Dilia Anderson, Julie Hammond, Kristan Van Dalsum-Hein and Geri Willems. There are now 163 members in All Star Quilters' Guild.

Due to so many new members (Welcome to all of you), please bring and wear your name tag. Effective January 2023, failure to bring and wear your nametag will cost you 50 cents. Remember, new members get a two-month grace period so they can design/make their own name tag.

The quarterly Membership Update was sent out April 15. Check your email Inbox.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to be a greeter for those who come into our meeting without knowing anyone. We implemented this "operation" in March and it worked out beautifully. I will send a reminder email no later than the Friday before the General Meeting to those who signed up and ask the volunteers to arrive at or before 9:30 am, choose a seat and perhaps save an extra seat for the guest; then linger near the membership table so I can connect you to the guest. Frances Hallett and Kathleen Voigt have volunteered for May 2023; thank you both. I have one opening for June, to work with Sheila Schuler; will someone please volunteer to assist? Other openings are: one in September, one in October, two in November and two in December.

T-SHIRTS

I am very happy to say the shirts have been ordered, paid for and are ready for production. There is every reason to believe they will be ready to hand out at the May General Meeting. In order to receive your shirt(s), you must pay in full first. The cost remains \$20 for a t-shirt (either crew neck or V-neck) and \$25 for a polo. For everyone who ordered a shirt or shirts, please bring cash, check or credit card. We will have the "Square" available for those who want to use a credit card. **Checks should be made payable to All Star Quilters' Guild.** I will request a Blast be sent out at some point over the weekend before the meeting to remind you of this; and to say the shirts will be handed out at a separate table from the Membership sign-in table. This blast will go to everyone, so I say to the ones who chose not to get a t-shirt, please disregard the notice. (If you see the shirts and decide you would like to change your mind and order one, please let me know and we will track the numbers to see if we can submit an order-the threshold is 36 shirts for our same price. Thank you to all who placed an order, supporting this endeavor. I highly recommend arriving early to purchase your shirt; the meeting must still begin at 10:00am. Watch for the weekend blast for further instructions.

Thank you,
Membership
Susan Sharpe, Chair
Sheron Walser
Bobbie Redshaw

PROGRAMS

MAY 15: Linda Sill from Creative Quilting with "A Quilter's Journey"

JUNE 19: TBA

JULY 17: RECYCLE Challenge

QUILTFEST 2023 "Sew Full of Whimsy"

QUILTFEST dates, September 14-16, 2023

REGISTRATION is now OPEN

QUILTFEST is picking up the parking fee (\$10)

TICKETS will be available in ADVANCE

Plans for the September 14-16, 2023 show are coming together nicely. Here are some highlights from the most recent QuiltFest meeting.

1. Items other than, but including, small quilts will be accepted for donation into **Silent Auction**.

Suggestions are: purses, wallets, placemats, table runners, pillow tops, handwork, etc. **Things that have a similar value to a small quilt**. These items need to be " something you would want to purchase."

2. The starting bid for **Silent Auction** items has been raised from \$5 to \$10.

3. We have group pricing for **bus groups** and advanced ticket sales will be provided.

4. **Advanced tickets** are available for all who wish to purchase them. They will be available at Tickermaster from June 1 until the show (fee charged), Bee's in St Augustine, Cinnamons, and Tilted Quilters, 8/1-9/1 and at the various take-in locations (5) on take-in day 9/2. Tickets are \$15 and CASH ONLY at the shops CASH OR CHECK at the turn-in locations .

5. **Discounted tickets for seniors and military** are ONLY available at the Prime Osborn box office.

6. **Registration is open until July 25th**. Please register and show your quilt. We want to see it!

7. **Bookmarks and posters advertising the show are available**. Pick one up for yourself and distribute some to your friends and acquaintances .

8. Our **vendor** count is already at the point it was last year, and we're working on getting even more to inspire you.

9. **Volunteers** are the backbone of QuiltFest. Get ready to sign up soon to help us make this the best show ever. **We need U!**

QF QUILTERS WALK BASKETS

By Linda McClelland

We are planning to offer two raffle "baskets" at QuiltFest again this year. The first is pictured here. We have the sewing caddy, now we need to fill it with new items to convince sewers they want to win it. We need new (or regifted) items such as: Scissors, rotary cutters and blades, rulers 18" or less, marking pens, pins, pincushion, a mug rug, fabric postcards, and perhaps some fat quarters (we think aqua/turquoise would complement the caddy). What else do you think would be nice.

Our second basket is designed to appeal to both quilters and non-quilters who also come to the show and would like to win something useful. It's called "Game On". Suggested items are:

Sudoku, Crosswords, other word games, card games, puzzles, a board game or two, snacks for the game table, novelty cocktail-size napkins. What do you think would be fun to add?

You may bring your contributions to the General Meeting and give them to Deborah Pearce or Linda McClelland. If you would prefer to contribute cash, we will use that to supplement what isn't provided.

Thanks!



QUILTS of VALOR

No report

2023 RAFFLE QUILT Our 2023 Charity

ISAIAH HOUSE <https://isaiah117house.com/purpose>

Providing a safe and comfortable place for children who have been removed from their homes and are waiting foster care.



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

PICK YOURS UP FROM LINDA McCLELLAND!

Drawing is SEPTEMBER 16 at QuiltFest.

RETREATS

SPRING:

DON'T FORGET, Spring Retreat is May 17, 18 and 19 this month from 8:00 to 5:00. See you there!

FALL: .

The next meeting (committee only) will be after the May 15th General Meeting.

Retreat dates this year are October 23-27, 2023

when "*Scrappy Days Are Here Again!*" Registration will start in July.



**Our 2023 Raffle Quilt!
"Baskets of Whimsy"**

RETREAT CANCELLATION POLICIES

Fall retreat refund policy

\$50 NONREFUNDABLE registration fee. All fees must be paid in full by the October general meeting

\$320 Paid in full at registration (\$50 is NON REFUNDABLE)

All refunds prior to the October payment deadline will exclude the \$50 deposit, unless retreat is canceled by the guild or by the Silver Springs. Retreat

We will be unable to make any refunds after the October general meeting unless retreat is canceled by the guild or by the Silver Springs retreat.

Spring retreat refund policy

\$25.00 NONREFUNDABLE registration fee. All fees must be paid in full by the April general meeting.

\$55.00 Paid in full at registration (\$25 is NONREFUNDABLE)

All refunds prior to the April payment deadline will exclude the \$25 deposit, unless retreat is canceled by the guild or the retreat facility.

We will be unable to make any refunds after the April general meeting unless retreat is canceled by the guild or the retreat facility.

ROAD TRIPS: By Pat Delia

ROADTRIP, YAY!!

We're hitting the road on **May 12th** (Friday) at **9:00 am sharp**, from the Target parking lot at 295 and San Jose Blvd. Park midway between Target and Publix, away from the store entrances.

We will travel in private vehicles to **Cut Up and Sew Quilt Shop in Palm Coast**, arriving at approximately 10:30 am. Shopping, demos and discounts are in store for us. Around noon, we will have a catered lunch provided by Dominic's Deli (really good). Drinks will be available and included in the **lunch price (\$12)**.

CASH is necessary for you to pay for lunch and your gas money for your driver. Please come prepared.

This is how a roadtrip works:

You sign up to go, I take the list and group 2-5 people with a driver (the drivers volunteer on the sign up sheet), I let you know who is riding with whom the morning of the trip. The riders give gas money to their drivers. Please take into consideration how many are in the car, the distance and the current price of gas.

I do take into account requests to ride together, so you can indicate a preference when you sign up.

If you have any questions, contact me 904-742-8359, patdelia@comcast.net

I promise it is fun!

SHOW & TELL for FEBRUARY

By Susan Kingston.

No report

SIT & STITCH

By Trish Egbert & Mary Anne Dennis

Thanks to everybody at the April meeting who took a little kit for making blue stars or sixteen patch blocks. Please get you stars to Trish by the May meeting. She plans to put the quilt together at Spring Retreat. She will be collecting sixteen patch blocks for the next several months. There are a number of patterns for using them that Trish will be providing in future

At Sit 'n Stitch on **May 8, the demo is Linda McClelland presenting a quilt-as-you-go technique.** If you want to practice your newfound knowledge, bring your machine with the usual sewing supplies along with cutting board and equipment. We will have batting. We also have fabric, or you can bring your own.

For **May 29, our fifth Monday Community Service Sit 'n Stitch**, Trish will debut a **new pattern** using the sixteen patch blocks we have been working on. This pattern also requires 2-1/2" white squares and 2-1/2" half square triangle units (half print, half white). ("White" includes ivory, cream, beige, off-white, very pale pastels, even scattered prints on white—whatever reads lighter in color than most prints.)

Previewing future activities, a **demo on backing is planned for June 13.** Details later

Bring your own project, or come join Trish's never-ending work with scraps. Whether there is a demo or not, there is always a space for you to do your own work and enjoy the company of other quilters who love it as much as you do

UFOs 2023

By Mary Anne Dennis

So popular, one person has already close to getting their gift card for completing 10 quilts! Remember to note on the Show & Tell sign-in list if you have a UFO, and get your card punched.

No card? See Mary Anne Dennis!

WAYS & MEANS

Several projects are being undertaken by individuals, but we could still use a person to be the chair of this committee just to keep things straight. Let Sherry know!

See p. 8 for Guild T-SHIRT INFO!

FREEBIE TABLE!

By Linda Harper

Just a reminder if you put something on the FREE Table and would like to take it back after the meeting please do so. We are donating the items that are left on the table to make room for new items the following month.

PLEASE REMEMBER QUILT RELATED ITEMS ONLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

6 KITTY BARRETT
6 ELAINE BRETT
6 ANDREA PELLEGRINO
7 SHIRLEY SIMMONS
13 FRANCES HALLETT
15 LISA ANDERSON
21 MABLE HOLIMAN
22 DIANE FALCONER
29 SUE PRICE

JUNE

1 SHERI HARNACK
1 DEBORAH HOLTON
2 ELLEN FORD
2 JILL KELLY
3 JUNE RITTSCHER
3 KAREN WEISMAN
5 SHARYN POTFAY
8 PATSY BEACH
9 KATHY CHEEK
9 CAROL GILLILAND
11 LORRAINE CARTER
12 SHIRLEY JONES
12 SUE ANN RUST
16 LINDA HARPER
17 FRAN FLOWERS
19 JODY SCIULLO
26 SUNNIE MALESKY
26 LAURIE ROSKIND
29 GALE WRIGLEY
30 JOANN DAVENPORT

ODDS & ENDS

MYSTERY BAG PROJECT...see p. 3! Pick yours up this month...bring a quilt

back in August!

T-SHIRTS !!! Bring your money this month to get the guild shirt(s) you ordered.
See p. 8

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE

FEATHERWERIGHT Accessories

Vintage, in box with instructions

Pinking attachment—Simanco 121110—\$60

Buttonholer attachment—branded SINGER 121795— \$25

Contact Sherry Verell 662-8429 (handling sale for the guild)



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Singer Featherweight 221-1 for Sale \$425

This is an early 1952 (AK752639) machine in good working order. It is a “limited edition” model with a special commemorative badge circled in blue celebrating Singer’s 100 years! Included are: original bobbin case, extra bobbins, ruffler, foot hemmer, adjustable hemmer, multiple slotted binder, edge stitcher, gatherer, little green can of sewing machine oil, 1 grease tube, 2 case keys and complete manual. The case has minimal wear and tear but can be easily rehabilitated to your own taste.

Please contact Leslie Moeller at:

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