

The ALL STAR GAZETTE

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ISSUE 6

CALENDAR of EVENTS

JUNE

6 BOARD MEETING 10 am & newsletter deadline. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. Gazette deadline is midnight tonight.
Fall Retreat committee after full board.

13 SIT & STITCH Bring a project or just yourself!

20 GENERAL MEETING 10 am: Kathryn D'Elia, Pat's daughter, is an artist and teacher. She will talk to us about choosing color.

FOOD BANK DAY!!!

27 SIT & STITCH

No classes this month...check Education article for classes in July and August.

JULY

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

11 SIT & STITCH Come and hang out with friendly quilters!

18 GENERAL MEETING 10 am:
THE Beatles Song Titles CHALLENGE
Big Reveal & Viewers Choice Awards!
Don't miss it!

25 CLASS: STRIPPY STARS with Janet Wells. Creative Grids ruler needed. Only a few seats left!



Board Meeting 10 AM first Monday each month.

General meeting 10 AM third Monday each month, with business, program, and Show & Tell. 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 gather at 9:30, meets 10 to noon

Location: First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Mailing address: All Star Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 23772, Jacksonville, FL 32241-3772

PAT'S POST

It's summer, with hot weather, storms, vacations, and more HOT WEATHER.

Still, we QUILT. It doesn't matter that we can't use these beauties we make to keep ourselves and our loved ones warm. (at least, not in Florida) It doesn't matter that we have to turn the AC down a degree or two to hold a quilt in our laps as we hand quilt or sew on a binding. It doesn't matter that our family and friends think we're kind of nutty. We QUILT Because...

It makes us happy.

It keeps us busy.

It challenges us.

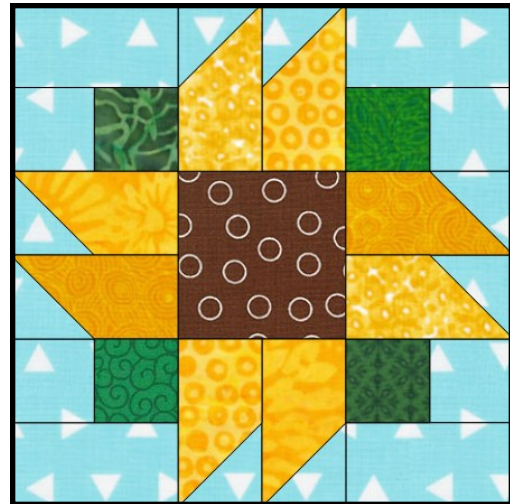
It is therapeutic.

It confuses our friends and family.

QUILT ON, I understand.

See you soon,

Pat



MINUTES of the MAY GENERAL MEETING

May 16, 2022 General Meeting Minutes

President Pat D'Elia called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. She reminded members to silence cell phones.

Pat then offered a thought for the day: Fear of failure leads to failure.

Members were asked if there were any corrections needed for the April general meeting minutes. Jill Kelly moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Kathi Thompson seconded the motion.

PRESIDENT: A sale of Gay Montgomery's sewing stash was held at Bettye Stilley's house on May 14th . The guild will receive a portion of the proceeds. There will be another sale at Bettye's house on May 21st , from 8 until 12 noon.

Quilter's Walk was explained for the benefit of guests and new members.

Bookmarks and posters are available now.

VICE PRESIDENT: Linda Wilson stated that she has paper registration forms available for those who do not wish to register quilt entries for QuiltFest online. There will be a maximum of 450 quilts this year. Judging will take place at the Prime. Gloria Hart volunteered to assist with online registrations. Volunteer signups will begin online in July.

RECORDING SECRETARY: absent.

TREASURER: Ellen Ford reported that the beginning balance was \$7,140.42, and the ending balance was also \$7,140.42.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: absent.

QUILTS OF VALOR: Barbara Nichols announced that 4 quilts had recently been given to veterans. Several more quilts will be delivered soon, so there is a continuing need for these quilts.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Laura Rowe stated that 24 quilts and 39 pillow cases have been delivered, and reminded members that we will be donating to Mandarin Food Bank in June. She has received thank you letters from Daniel and the food bank. Chemotherapy port pillow instructions are now available.

CHALLENGE / LIBRARY: No report.

EDUCATION; Ellen Cannon reminded members of two upcoming classes. Janet Wells will teach Scrappy Stars July 25th ; fee is \$20, and a special ruler is required. Vicki Zoller will teach a class on inserting circles without pins on August 22nd, and the fee is \$10.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: No report.

FEATURED QUILTER: Donna Calderise introduced Army veteran Laura Allen.

HOSPITALITY; Carol Vonderheide was assisted by Bettye Stilley this month. She needs a hostess each month to assist her. Signup sheets to bring snacks are at the back of the room.

MEMBERSHIP: Susan Sharpe reported 70 members present. Zoom was unavailable this month. There were six guests present. Door prizes were won by Shirley Simmons and Sharon Buquo. Susan mentioned that she had plastic needed for name badges available.

NEWSLETTER: No report.

QUILT MOTHER 2023: Kathis Thompson has received back all of the blocks for the raffle quilt.

Kathi is also working on Quilter's Walk baskets. The black and white bag is bursting with fabric. Contributions are needed for the Dinner and a Movie basket. Gift cards are requested.

SIT AND STITCH: Pat D'Elia reminded members of the upcoming dates. May 23 rd and May 30th . Mary Anne Dennis will be available the 23rd to demonstrate her wavy border technique.

SPRING RETREAT: Will be held May 19th through the 21st .

UTILITY BAGS FOR DONATION: Mary Anne Dennis delivered 45 bags to Daniel. More bags were received today There are precut fabrics available from Mary Anne to make these bags.

FREEBIE TABLE: Please limit donations to quilt-related items.

WAYS AND MEANS. Patty Wallace has two items for sale: Bernina sewing machine, and a Juki serger. A 1946 Featherweight will be raffled to a lucky winner in December. Tickets will be on sale after QuiltFest.

She is also planning a tea to be held at the October general meeting. Tickets are \$10, and gift baskets will be raffled.

Linda McClelland has begun selling raffle tickets for the 2022 raffle quilt.

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May minutes continued...

Pat D'Elia stated that the next board meeting will be June 6th . The next general meeting will be June 20th . She then said it was time to turn on cell phones, and adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by **Sherry Verell**

CHALLENGE

2022 Guild Challenge: Beatles Song Titles

Do You Want to Know a Secret? Actually, it isn't a secret, but the reveal for the Guild Challenge will take place at **the July general meeting**. This month, June, is the month for love and weddings, and the Beatles certainly had a lot to say about love. **All My Loving, All You Need is Love, And I Love Her, A World Without Love--** and those are just the love songs that begin with A. Maybe these titles or any of the other Beatles songs about love will inspire you.

You can find all the details about the Challenge, plus a list of all the Beatles song titles, on the Guild website, www.allstarquilters.org.

Can You Dig It?

Vicki Zoller

COMMUNITY SERVICE

APPLAUSE

Delivered in May

Peds Care 3 quilts, 7 pillowcases

Daniel - 3 quilts, 44 utility bags

Hartfelt - 2 quilts, 2 pillowcases

Safe Harbor- 2 quilts and 3 pillowcases delivered by Mary Anne Denmark

May total: 10 quilts, 9 pillowcases, and 44 utility bags

APPEAL

Community Service has been gifted with 9 QUILT TOPS & backs from Gay Montgomery. We will be featuring one of her quilt tops each month. As a tribute to Gay, we would like to continue Gay's legacy. Please assist by completing one or part of the process of finishing the quilt top. Please let me know if you are interested.

Terri Chamberlain (terri@plusmark.com)

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**

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Utility Bags

Just want to say thanks to all the ladies who have already taken the time to make these bags. Laura Rowe has delivered about 45 to Daniel this last month. After our

regular meeting this month I will be delivering about 30 or 40 to Hubbard House. So please bring in any bags you have recently made. Hopefully we'll be taking more to DESC in the near future.

This is an on going project so keep up the good work. I will usually have a stack of precut bags to be made at the regular meeting so please come and get some more.. Thanks again ladies.

Mary Anne Dennis

EDUCATION

JULY 25 is the Stripy Star class. There are a couple of seats left for this class. It will be taught by Janet Wells and you must have a stripy star ruler before class. It is a Creative Grids ruler. Setup is at 9:30, class is from 10:00 to 1:00.

AUGUST 22 is the Perfect Set-in Circles class. This is a technique class taught by Vicki Zoller.

You will learn how to sew perfect set-in circles by machine. Your "magic tools" are a glue stick and freezer paper. You can leave your pins at home. You will also receive a couple of bonus appliqué patterns to make a cute Easter or baby quilt. Sign up at the June or July meeting.



I am still looking for demo day projects for easy fast gifts or ornaments! If you have an idea see Pris or Ellen please.

Remember you can sign up for classes before or after the general meeting.

Ellen Cannon

FEATURED QUILTER

Our featured quilter this month is Barbara Alsop, she is originally from Schenectady NY. Since her marriage she has lived in Long Island, New York, Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

Her quilting journey started shortly after her husband died a little over three years ago. It all came about while she was researching on the internet something about painting with water colors. She saw some examples of thread painting and knew she just had to learn more. From there she learned about free motion quilting and went out and bought a sewing machine. So, through books, online articles, you-tube videos, The Quilting Arts magazine and the quilting shows on PBS, (not to mention many hours of practice) she is slowly learning how to quilt and do thread painting.

Barbara's first quilted piece was a 15" x 15" wall hanging. On it were 2 appliqued angels that were thread painted and a thread painted Christmas star. It was quilted with a basic meander stitch. Her first quilt which she did put together was a Christmas lap quilt. She started quilting it with free motion quilting. It has proven to be a very big challenge and is unfinished at this time. She hopes to complete it some day!

Barbara became a guild member about 3 years ago after hearing about the guild from Sue Abbey and Sue Blythe. She enjoys the different programs that are presented each month, seeing the

beautiful quilts from all the members and she appreciates the opportunities there are for classes. She especially enjoyed the presentation of the Christmas quilts at last

years' Christmas meeting and the presentation by Margie Engel. She enjoys meeting the wonderful women who have so much to offer to the guild.

For Barbara quilting has become an expression of what she can do with fabric and thread and how she can turn a picture or an expression of what she is feeling onto cloth. Not too long ago she saw how to take Angelina fiber, banana silk fiber and silver metallic thread and turn it into a shimmering piece of lace. She also made a solid piece of material from the Angelina fiber. Using these materials, she created a small wall hanging in memory of a dear friend who recently died of cancer.

Barbara is a retired registered nurse and because she enjoys gardening went back to school and earned an Associates Degree in horticulture. She

and her husband Brian were married just shy of 51 years before his death. She has 2 children, a daughter living in Jacksonville and a son in Pennsylvania. She is blessed to have 2 grandsons living in Jacksonville.

Donna Caldalise



HISTORIAN

While reading the June 1995 newsletter, I came across a very interesting article on crazy quilting. The crazy quilt craze took place during the period 1876-1900. Crazy quilts were seen as the solution of what to do with all the scraps of wool, cotton, and silk. Women's magazines spread the word suggesting, as well as fabric scraps, trims, braids, beads, gentlemen's neckties and other trims could be used to make crazy quilts. If no leftovers were available they could be purchased. For example Jordon Marsh offered packages of silk squares by mail order for one dollar. Each assortment contained three hundred or more silk squares with no two alike.

The newsletter article referenced the book, Penny McMorris' Crazy quilts paperback 1984. If anyone is interested, the book is still available on Etsy and eBay.

Sandy Onsager

HOSPITALITY

Somebody put out a chair for you...please help by putting it away after the meeting! We are all responsible for cleaning up the room when we leave.

Please see **Carol Vonderheide** if you'd like to help with hostess duties.

LIBRARY

This month we have two additions to the All Star Library. The first book, which was donated by Ann Carraway, is **Playful Quilts for Kids**. There are lots of interactive quilt designs here, including tic tac toe, a maze, a target and more. The Humpty Dumpty pajama holder that has a zipper for a mouth is too cute! Full size tissue patterns are also included with the book.

I think every quilter has been asked to make a tee shirt quilt. People who don't quilt do not realize that working with knit fabrics brings special challenges. I found a great book in the clearance area at Hobby Lobby that uses T-shirts in new ways. **Beyond the Tee: Innovative T shirt Quilts** has info on stabilizers and lots of patterns that use portions of T shirts along with woven fabrics. If you thought T shirts quilts had to be T shirt squares with sashing, think again. You will find lots of different ways to use T shirts here.

Both these books are perfect for quilters who are often called upon to make quilts for children, grandchildren, children and grandchildren of friends, and so on and so on. That probably includes every quilter in the guild! Give these books a look!

Vicki Zoller

MEMBERSHIP

Seventy members attended the General Meeting held on May 16, 2022, at First Christian Church. Zoom was not used. We had six guests. There was no change in the number of members during May. Thus, there are 142 members in All Star Quilters' Guild.

If you haven't already, **please pick up your 2022 Directory**. I plan to bring them to the June meeting and they will be at the membership table. Be sure to check your information in the 2022 Directory and bring corrections to my attention.

Thank you,
Susan Sharpe

FOOD BANK this month!

Kids are out of school and do not get a free lunch, making Summer a hard time for many families.

Donations by check or cash are also welcome so the Food Bank can provide items not donated, and help with fresh items, too.



Look for the collection by the front door as you come in to the meeting!

PROGRAMS

The May 16 guild meeting, when we showed heirloom quilts made by our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and dear family friends, was very successful. Some amazing, beautiful and humorous quilts (remember "How the Elephant Got His Trunk"?) were shared with the group. In addition, some members set up interesting small displays of mementoes of their moth-

ers or grandmothers.

Programs for the next few months

June 20 **Kathryn D'Elia**, Pat's daughter, is an artist and teacher. She will talk to us about choosing color.

July 18 **Challenge Reveal.**

August 15 **Exchange with Friendship Guild.** Members of Friendship Guild will present a trunk show of quilts made by members.

NOTE : As part of our exchange with Friendship Guild, we will visit their meeting on Tuesday, August 9 at 10:00AM. I would like to repeat our show of our heirloom quilts. If you would be available to participate in this activity, please contact me by email at kandsmom1959@gmail.com, or you can call me at 904-903-0950.

September 19 **"Quilt Chat: A Sampler of Samplers"** with Sunnie Malesky. Several members who have made sampler quilts will present their quilts. Sunnie will interview each member about her quilt to learn about the history of the quilt and the techniques used to create it.

October 17 **Tea Party** Patty Wallace and Ways and Means Committee - Wear your prettiest hat or bonnet. There will be food, short talks about various aspects of quilting and other fun activities.

November 21 **TBD**

December 19 **It's Holiday time** - program TBD.

And I'm very excited about a program for next year. In **April 2023**, **Deb Strain**, who is a fabric designer who has been designing for Moda for 25 years, will present a talk about her design and production process. Deb will present a trunk show of her work, and she also will have some of her products for sale to Guild members.

QUILTFEST

Volunteering at QuiltFest

- QuiltFest is put on entirely by volunteers from the six sister guilds in the First Coast. It is very important for the success of the show that there are enough volunteers to set up the show, to be at the show to assist show attendees, and to take down the quilts and return them to the exhibitors.

- The following volunteer positions are available:

- Show hostess/white glove
- Volunteer check in (sit-down position)
- Quilters Walk (sit-down and standing positions)
- Community service (pillow cases and Me Dolls - sit-down position)
- Program - this year, programs will be distributed inside the showroom

- Volunteers are required to work a minimum of two hours to qualify for free admission to the show. Shifts (such as white glove) may be split with a friend into one-hour increments, but if you do so, you will need to work at another job or another shift to make sure you are working two hours.

- Volunteer signup will be online this year using SignUp Genius. Volunteer signups will start on July 11. The signup form is currently undergoing some updating and revision, but will be viewable at the QuiltFest website - www.quiltfestjax.com - prior to July 11. Each guild will have a volunteer to assist members who would like to volunteer but are unable to access the volunteer form. Gloria Hart has volunteered to assist All Stars members.

Silent Auction

- QuiltFest is in the process of evaluating a charity for potential donation of proceeds from the Silent Auction. Historically, the money has been donated to the Shriners Transportation Fund. The Shriners have sold their property and shifted to all outpatient clinics. The QuiltFest board is evaluating replacement charities for the Shriners.
 - If you would like to donate a quilt to the Silent Auction, you can give your quilt to any of the Guild's QuiltFest representatives: June Daniels, Pat D'Elia, Sondie Frus, Veronica Potter, Susan Sharpe and Linda Wilson.
 - Quilts can measure from 24" square down to 8" square. The small squares should be finished miniature quilts - no orphan blocks please.
- Other Information About This Year's Show
- **Show dates are September 15-17, 2022**, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily.
 - **Registration online began on April 1 and will end on July 25.**
 - The registration form, along with instructions for entering your quilt, is online at www.quiltfestjax.com
 - I have paper forms if you would rather not register online.
 - If you are mailing your quilt, the quilt must be received between August 20 and September 1, 2022.
 - Please make sure your quilt is free from offensive odors and substances (cigarette smoke, perfume, pet odors, pet hair) as these quilts will not be accepted.
 - **Quilt take-in is Saturday, September 3 (Labor Day weekend) from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the church.**

Linda Wilson



RAFFLE QUILT

Tickets Available Now!

Pick up a packet or two at the General Meeting June 20. Just check out your tickets and bring back the completed ticket stubs and the

Some All Stars had an encounter in Paducah with their favorite Hero...QUILTMAN!

money from sold tickets at the next meeting. We know you'd love to win this lovely quilt or have a friend win it. Support your guild and get your tickets before or after the meeting.

Linda McClelland



"JESTER" 73" x 91"

RETREATS

SPRING: This in-town retreat was a great success! Considering new location for next year...stay tuned!

FALL:

Fall Retreat is scheduled for **October 24-**

28, and our theme is "Down on the Farm." We think you'll like all the ideas we have for the Retreat, and I hope you'll plan to attend. Here is some preliminary information:

- Retreat will be held at The Retreat at Silver Springs, 6455 East Silver Springs Blvd., Silver Springs (near Ocala), FL 34488.
- We will start at 10:00 AM on Monday the 24th (before lunch) and end after breakfast on Friday the 28th.
- Cost this year will be \$300 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit (unless Retreat is canceled by the guild or by the conference center).
- The maximum number of attendees is 36. If all spaces fill up, a waiting list will be started.
- We will begin taking sign ups at the July 18 guild meeting. As we did last year, there will not be any advance payments. If you plan to attend Retreat but will not be at the July 18 guild meeting, you may have someone in the guild register for you. They must have your completed registration form and either a deposit or payment in full. Final payment is due by the October 17 guild meeting.

Linda Wilson

SHOW & TELL

Elaine Brett: Joey Giraffe

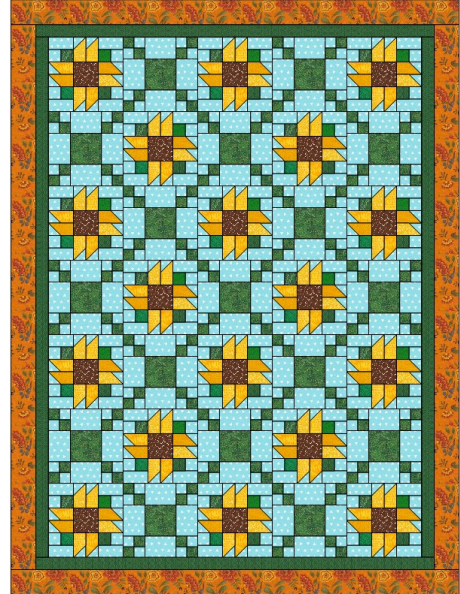
Mary Anne Dennis: Ladybug UFO and quilted frogs

Deb Frain: Petals—raw edge quilt

Gloria Hart: Mysterious Courtyard

SIT & STITCH

You can sit. You can stitch. You can do both, or just come to visit! Get to know your quilting friends. Bring hand or machine work...**get help on a project...**or just schmooze!
June 13 and 27



WAYS & MEANS

Save the date (and your lunch money). The 2022 Mystery Quilt “**Vincent in Arles**”...are you working on yours?

Oct. 17, Ladies

Tea luncheon and program

10:00-? General meeting. Tickets \$10.00, limited to first 100.

A December Raffle Drawing

Singer **Featherweight** with case, accessories, in lovely working order and condition. Merry Christmas!

Raffle tickets on sale after Quiltfest, drawing at December 19 General meeting.

Get a bargain...help the guild!

For sale: **Bernina Artista 640**. Swiss-manufactured.

Embroidery capable. Roller cart, handbooks, work books, accessories, attached accessory box, ect." Runs like a charm!

For sale to highest bidder, starting at \$250.00. Patty Wallace 904 472-3812.

Also...

Sweet little **Baby Lock by Juki serger**. TONS of booklets. Runs like silk. Best offer (and I might be able to throw in a one on one instruction). Patty W. 904 472-3811

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

1 DEBORAH HOLTON

1 SHERI HARNACK

2 ELLEN FORD

2 JILL KELLY

3 JUNE RITTSCHER
3 KAREN WEIZMAN
5 SHARYN POTFAY
8 PATSY BEACH
9 KATHY CHEEK
9 CAROL GILLILAND

11 LORRAINE CARTER
12 SUE ANN RUST
16 LINDA HARPER
19 JODY SCIULLO
26 SUNNIE MALESKY
26 LAURIE ROSKIND
29 GALE WRIGLEY

JULY

3 ANGELA MOORE
4 LYNNE MCCRORK
9 DEBBIE WALLACE
15 MARY JEANETTE
HOWLE
19 VONDY HILBERT
20 SHERON WALSER
25 LAURA ALLEN
29 BETH SULLIVAN



Show & Tell

You can show or you can tell
And if it has not turned out well
Another project you will show
Unless it ends a UFO.

You can tell or you can show
Continuing to sew and sew
Until the day that it is done
Then start another just for fun!

OTHER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

MARKETPLACE

WANTED: Embellisher/ felting machine. Prefer Janome but will consider Babylock or other. Contact Sunnie Malesky sunsky@comcast.net

Raising Money for the Guild! A Ways & Means sale

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JUNE FREEBIE TABLE BONANZA!!!!

Find your treasures here!!!! Check often, as more items are being added as people arrive before...and AFTER the meeting, since these things are NOT saved over for next month! Please take your own leftovers home as they will be discarded in whatever manner Mary Anne deems proper.

DMC Embroidery Floss (sorted and labeled by DMC color number)

*Must take the entire BIG box

Remainders of Gay Montgomery's sewing room

Including small cutting boards, hoops, rotary cutters, patterns, fabric and much more..

Books & magazines...many are current issues!

Have you been following our QuiltfestJax Facebook page? Please check it out and share the pages often.

Special QOV request

This request came from the Quilts of Valor Foundation for a patriotic quilt (with NO label) for these **Purple Heart** veterans. They are asking for one special quilt, minimum of 69x80 and. maximum of 72x90, with NO label already on it.

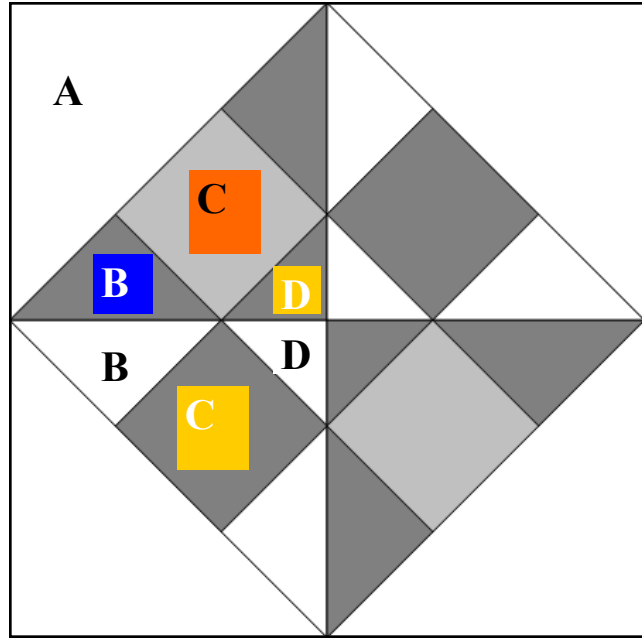
The Foundation will add a special label for these quilts.

Please do add a note with your quilt of who the quilt maker or group is. **Deadline is July 20th.**

Contact Barbara Nichols 904-868-0449.

**June Block of the Month
STORM SIGNAL**

For all BOMs the suggested background will be the **LIGHTEST** value. Please suit yourself by using as many colors as you like, and/ or changing the values. The diagram values shown are to allow you to see the different pieces.



BACKGROUND

2—8" squares. Cut each once on the diagonal to get 4—As

1—5¼" square B

Cut in an X to get 4 triangles OR cut 2—4¼" squares to make HSTs with same Dark/Medium squares

1—2⅞" square cut once diagonal to make 2 D triangles

MEDIUM

2—3¼" squares C

DARK/ MEDIUM

1—5¼" square B

Cut in an X to get 4 triangles OR cut 2—4¼" squares to make HSTs with same Background squares

1—2⅞" square cut once diagonal to make 2 D triangles

2—3¼" squares C

make HSTs with same

ALTERNATE CENTER CUT & SEWING: use 1 Dark/ Medium and one Background 4¾" squares to make HST units. Place together lining up seams and draw a diagonal line going across the seams. Sew ¼" away from each side of the line. Cut on line, press open to see the D Center unit (you will have an extra one too!) Trim it to 3¼" square.

Sew units in rows and complete the Center section as the diagram. Fold the long side of each A triangle to find and mark the center. Fold and mark the Center section sides the same way. Match the A triangle centers to the Center section marks. Pin and sew. Square up the block to 12½" at raw edge.