

The All Star Gazette

November 2025 Meeting Dates

Nov 3 **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am. All members are welcome to attend.

Nov 10 **Demo Day.** 10:00 am.

Nov 17 **General Meeting.** 10:00 am. Social Time 9:30 am
Other Techniques with Sunnie Malesky. **Food Bank Donations.**

Nov 24 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – noon. Setup 9:30. Everyone Welcome!

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at the First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.

Nov 17, 2025 Meeting Notes

Food Bank. Holiday Donations. Drop off before the meeting. (page 2)

50/50 Raffle – Buy tickets for a chance to win some extra cash.

Sewing Machine Raffle Tickets available.

Treasure Table, Fabric Table and **Library** are open.

FLASH SALE – Fabric Table has BIG discounts today. See page 2 for more info!

Upcoming Classes & Events

November 10

Demo Day

December 15

Christmas Party

January 19

Birthday Party

January 26

Fabric Painting Class; Erica Dodge, Instructor

February 23

Stripology Class; Janet Wells, Instructor

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November 27 Thanksgiving

Dues Are Due

Membership Renewals for 2026 opened November 1, 2025.

Even if you are currently an All Star member, you MUST submit a Membership Form along with your \$30 payment for 2026 dues. If paying by check, mail your form and payment to the address below. Forms are on our Website or on FaceBook Chatter. See page 2 for more information.

Community Service

APPLAUSE AND A BIG THANK YOU – Mystery Bag Quilt winners are Laura Rowe, Karen Weisman and Randy Powers. They each won a \$25.00 gift card for Cinnamons Quilt Shop. The donated mystery quilts will be distributed by Randy Powers, making someone's holiday a bit brighter.

FOOD BANK REMINDER – Holiday donations are needed. Suggested items are:

Cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

Cash and checks are always welcome. Make checks payable to: Mandarin Food Bank.

FABRIC FLASH SALE – Come stock up with some new fabric for your stash. **\$2.00 per yard or 8 Fat Quarters for \$5.00** / Everything under 12" is considered a Fat Quarter.

The fabric table will be closed in December and January.

Community Service Team –

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Johnnie Wollard – Fabric Table

Randy Powers – Quilt Delivery

Gloria Hart – Food Bank

Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

-Joann Davenport



Membership

Ninety-four members of All Star Quilters' Guild attended the General Meeting on October 20, 2025, at First Christian Church. We had three guests and no new members. All Star Quilters' Guild has 165 recorded members.

Please remember November 1, 2025, starts the 2026 membership renewal period.

November is the first of two "early bird" registration months, with December being the second. Members who renew during this period will be eligible for a prize drawing in the month in which they renew. **Dues remain \$30.00 for the year and may be submitted by check or cash. Please do not mail cash.** Also, to be included in the 2026 Membership Directory, a completed membership form and dues must be submitted no later than the January 2026 General Guild meeting. A printable form can be found on the Guild webpage or posted to the Facebook Chatter page. I will have forms at the November meeting, but I would ask you to print and fill out a form and have your payment ready prior to the meeting to save time on meeting day. If you will be paying with cash, please bring the exact amount, if possible. We will give you a receipt for cash. If you want your directory mailed to you, include \$3.00 with your payment (\$33.00) to cover postage.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Sheron or Bobbie.

-Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw

Featured Quilter – Shirley Carpenter

Shirley Carpenter may be familiar to Guild members as she is in charge of the popular Treasure (or Free) Table at general meetings.

As a child, Shirley belonged to 4H and when she was only 9 years old, her apron and cookies received ribbons at the Indiana State Fair.

Since then, Shirley has lived in Tampa, Dayton Ohio, Orlando, and Hendersonville NC. She has lived in St Augustine for the last 10 years and she is a part-time cashier at Publix.



For many years, Shirley made purses from men's neckties which she sold at craft shows. She has also made several T-shirt quilts for family and friends. You might think that working with cotton to make a quilt would be very easy after with notoriously difficult silks and knits.

But cotton proved to be a challenge. Shirley ripped the fabric instead of cutting it. The quilt ended up being very crooked! Still, Pat D'Elia was able to quilt it. Sometimes our early quilts become good teaching tools!

Two years ago, Shirley attended a Guild meeting as a guest of Linda Harper. She loved it from the first meeting and joined All Stars.

Although Shirley has only been a quilter for 2 years, she has become active in All Stars. She also hopes to enter a quilt in QuiltFest, perhaps next year.

All Stars' motto is "Where everyone can shine". Shirley is shining bright in her willingness to take a position of responsibility in the Guild and her desire to grow as a quilter. We are glad she has found her quilting "peeps" here at All Stars.

-Vicki Zoller

Media

Things are rolling along with the website update. There really isn't much to tell right now as the programmers are busy at work creating our new site.

As things progress, we'll keep you posted.

Thanks for your patience as we strengthen our online presence!

- Jenny Chambless

Ways and Means

Thank you for participating in the 50/50 raffle last month.

We will have a sewing machine Eversewn - Sparrow 20 raffle at our December meeting. Tickets are \$1 and the drawing will be at the Dec. 15 meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

Please consider purchasing tickets for yourself, family, friends or neighbors who might want a (like new condition) machine. The machine comes with accessories, user manual and rolling storage case.

-Trisha Gros

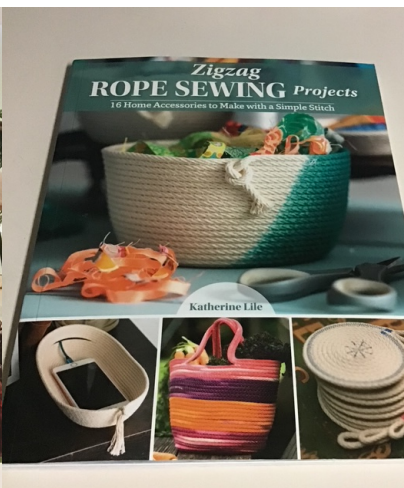


Library News

Hello everyone. Here we are again with news from your Library lady! I am very excited to see the enthusiasm you have shown for the Library and how welcoming everyone has been. We have quite a selection of new books available. Please stop by during our next meeting and see the complete list located near the suggestion box. Just to wet your taste buds here's a sampling of a few of the 15 new books we're offering. Selections include books on quilting history, rope sewing, table runners and toppers and seasonal quilts. "*Handmade Memories*" also includes some very delicious looking recipes. There's a scrumptious cookie recipe that would be great for our holiday party. Just a hint!!! WINK! WINK!



Handmade Memories



Rope Sewing



Creating a Quilted Home

As a reminder, I would like your feedback on a possible new way of organizing the books. Currently they are alphabetized, but I'm interested in your suggestions. I've gotten some great ones so far. You can talk to me or put your vote in the suggestion box located at our Library area.

The library will be closed in December and January to accommodate our holiday Guild activities, but I'll leave the suggestion box available through December.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Season. I am so incredibly grateful to be associated with such a lovely group of folks with such a kind and generous spirit.

-Patty Campioni

Historian

The 1998 donation quilt "Flowers of Paradise" won second place in the Quiltfest Collaborative category. Quiltfest '98 received 102 quilts from local quilters and were able to raise \$2800 for the Morocco Shrine Children's Transportation Fund.

- Sandy Onsager

Treasure Table

The Treasure table will be OPEN for the November meeting, but will be CLOSED for the December and January meetings.

-Shirley Carpenter



Help a Fellow Guild Member

One of our members, Ruth Eads, **needs a ride to and from guild meetings**. She lives in St Johns with her son. Shirley Carpenter has been her transport for the past few months, but will be unable to help for the first part of the year while she recovers from surgery. If you live near Ruth and could help out, please contact her at 918-801-8922 by text.

Winter Retreat

It is time to start making plans for our winter retreat.

WHERE: Luther Springs Camp and Conference Center, Hawthorne, Florida

WHEN: February 9th - 13th

COST: Double room - \$340.00 per person
Single room - \$420.00 per room

The price includes your room, your meals, and sewing space. We will be sewing in the dining room just like last time. We have been allotted 22 sewing spaces and 15 rooms. What is not the same is the number of days. We were able to get an extra day. In 2026 we will check in on Monday and out on Friday. More information about specifics will be given closer to retreat.

The rooms for sleeping are like motel rooms. The center provides everything. All you need to bring is clothes, toiletries, sewing machines and projects. If the food is anything like last time it was delicious.

At the November general meeting we will begin taking reservations. A deposit of \$75.00 will be required to hold your space. The balance needs to be paid by the February board meeting. When you sign up please have an idea who your roommate will be!

Questions, please contact Ellen email Eandpcft@bellsouth.net or Priscilla pdrquilt@comcast.net

-Ellen Cannon

2026 All Star Challenge Theme

Next year's Challenge Theme will be something completely different. Have you ever wanted to suggest a theme? Here is your chance. I am soliciting themes until next January. Email me or write down your idea on paper and give it to me at the board meeting or general meeting. I will also bring a jar to Guild meetings for your submissions. See me at the meeting and submit your idea. You do not have to make a Challenge quilt if you submit an idea, although it would be nice— the more entries the better!

I will draw the winning one at the January meeting. In the past I have come up with a theme or guild members have suggested a theme to me. But I always knew the theme before I announced it. This time I will find out when you do. Just a few suggestions for themes: Try to choose something challenging but something that people will actually do. Also I don't think we want full size quilts. We all have other projects to work on and there is only so much time. Other than that, go for it. You may even suggest a theme that we had some years ago. I hope to have many suggestions to pick from. This is your chance to be heard. There might even be a small prize for the winning entry!

-Vicki A. Zoller

Programs

December program is our Holiday Party. There will be holiday goodies, prizes to win and our Brown Grocery Bag Decorating Contest, as well as an exchange of fabric for the participants.

At the December Holiday Event, those who wish to participate can obtain a brown paper grocery bag from their favorite store (normal, large size). The outside is to be decorated as desired and displayed on the stage during the business part of our meeting. At program time, we will enjoy inspecting these bags and voting for our favorite. The bags with the top three highest number of votes will win a gift card for their makers (creators, artisans...). In addition to decorating the bags, please place a 1 yd cut of quilt shop quality fabric inside (any type). At the conclusion of the program, those who have participated, will go home with a decorated bag and a mystery gift of fabric. Happy Holidays, All Stars.



January - Our annual Guild Birthday Party and Installation of Officers are the highlights of our January meeting. We will be seated at tables and will enjoy a catered lunch, partly funded by the guild treasury. Each member is asked to purchase a lunch ticket for \$7 before then so that we know how many meals to order. Tickets will be sold at the November and December guild meetings. Please see C J Clark or Beth Sullivan to purchase your ticket. You may bring a guest if you like, but everyone receiving a meal must have a ticket.

We will use Tidbits again. Lunch will be a chicken salad sandwich, pickle and potato salad. Drinks and cupcakes will also round out the meal. Happy Birthday All Stars!

-Pat D'Elia

Hospitality

Thanks to these members for providing refreshments for our November meeting –

Healthy	Linda Harper
Decadent Chocolate	Patty Campioni
Savory	Toni Anweiler
Your specialty treat	Liz Staley
Sweet or Salty	Janet Brown
Fruit/Veggie tray	Terri Paglione
2 2 liter diet drinks	Jenny Chambless
2 2 liter drinks	Joyce Sharifi

-Elfriede Echt

Corresponding Secretary

If you know of a member that a card should be sent, please contact Linda Harper. Linda's email and phone number are in the directory

Education

Happy Thanksgiving! Everyone at the retreat had a marvelous time, some very productive, others learning new things. All in all a glorious week filled with great weather, good food, and wonderful camaraderie.

After the holidays I hope to have a full slate of classes. Right now these are scheduled:

January 26: Painting Fabric by Erica Dodge. \$20 for the class. There are 7 spaces available

February 23: Stripology by Janet Wells. \$10.00 for the class. There are 6 spaces available

June 22: Twister Ruler Pattern by June Daniels. \$10.00 for the class.

I have feelers out for 2 national teachers, but no confirmations yet. Keep your fingers crossed.

-Jill Kelly

Classes begin at 10:00 am. unless otherwise noted.

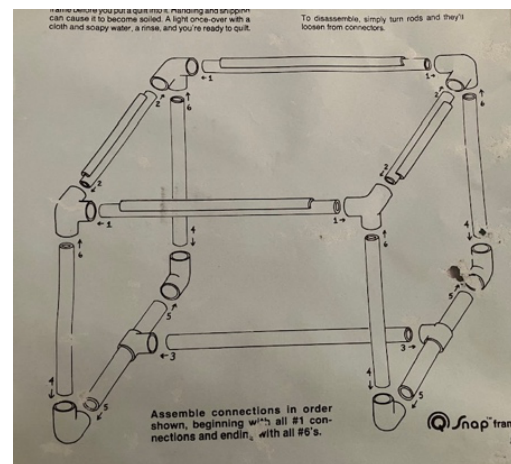
Your Supply List is available when you sign up and is also on the Website.



Any All Star member can advertise in the Gazette free of charge. "For Sale" items will run for two consecutive issues and "Services" will run every issue. If you would like to advertise here, please send your listing to jbright414@gmail.com.

Q Snap PVC quilt frame

Easy to set up, no tools needed. In original box WITH INSTRUCTIONS fits easily under bed. 31 inches tall, quilting area approximately 20 x 33 inches. **\$25**. Call or text Carol Gilliland 904-616-4428 or email at gilly2982@yahoo.com.



Janome M17 trolley with hoop bag.

Seen on the internet for \$549.00 asking **\$250.00**.

Used only twice. Excellent condition. Contact Kathy Weishaar luvleequilts@gmail.com

Services

Binding

Trish Egbert (904) 735-0294

Quilting

BQ Enterprises, LLC (Sharon Buquo 904-928-9300)

Edge-to-Edge only. Several patterns to choose from. **Budget friendly.**

Quilting

Memories Stitched Together

Longarm – Edge 2 Edge and Custom. I also make Memory Bears and T-Shirt Quilts. For more information text or call Barbara at 904-476-3903.



November

5 MARTHA JORGENSEN
 7 SONDIE FRUS
 7 BERNADETTE KNOX
 7 OLE OLSON
 12 CINDY MAGEE
 14 KATIE ELAKMAN
 15 TRISHA GROS
 19 PATRICIA KERN
 21 JEAN NEWTON
 21 LYNNE TURPIN
 22 MELINDA RIALS
 26 EVELYN LEDDY
 28 RANDY POWERS
 30 MARITA ENG

December

3 ELFRIEDE ECHT
 3 KATHLEEN VOIGT
 4 ANNETTE GRAHAM
 5 DONNA NICKLIS
 5 LAURA ROWE
 6 LINDA MCCLELLAND
 7 TERRI CHAMBERLAIN
 11 KATHLEEN DIETRICH
 23 SHARON WILCOX
 25 PATTI SANDERS
 25 VIRGINIA WALLER
 27 DIANE HUTSELL
 29 GERI WILLEMS
 31 SHARON TOMORE