

The ALL STAR

GAZETTE

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

NOVEMBER

4 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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

11 SIT & STITCH

only one this month!

18 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

QUILT CHAT: APPLIQUE
FOOD BANK COLLECTION
see p. 4 article

Make your reservation for the Birthday Party box lunch

25 DEMO DAY

See p. 4
All Free!

DECEMBER

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9 SIT & STITCH

16 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

TREE-mendous Holiday
Party...loads of cookies...
raffle quilt drawing!

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23 SIT & STITCH

30 SIT & STITCH

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

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

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Website: www.allstarquilters.org **E-mail** *new address coming soon!*

MINUTES of the OCT. GENERAL MEETING

All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes October 21 st , 2024

President Sherry Verell called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

Sherry asked if there were any changes to the September General Meeting Minutes, there were none. Patty Wallace made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Lynne Turpin seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Vice President Raney Manning stated that today's program will be the Mystery Bag Quilt reveal. Next month's program will be the Chat with Sunnie Malesky. December's program will be the "Tree-mendous" Holiday Party. At the December meeting she will begin collecting for the January Birthday Lunch.

Treasurer Sharon Tomore gave her Treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$15,653.06, income totaled \$2,118.19, expenses totaled \$.05, the ending balance was \$17,771.20.

Election of Officers Sunnie Malesky listed the slate of officers for 2025: President Delia Bright, Vice President Pat D'Elia, Treasurer Martha Hann, Recording Secretary Angela Moore and Corresponding Secretary Linda Harper. Sunnie asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. A vote was taken and the slate of officers was approved. The new officers will take their positions after the January General Meeting. Sunnie thanked the nominating committee: Linda Harper, Leigh Ann McGuigan and Stacey Wilson.

Dues Increase Sherry shared with the guild that the Board has approved a \$5.00 increase in dues effective for 2025. (from \$25.00 to \$30.00) A discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the increase was approved.

Featured Quilter Linda Marsh stated that Mary Anne Dennis is this month's featured quilter.

Community Service Joanne Davenport thanked members who donated quilts to the Young Lives Organization. Cathy Bush accepted the quilts on behalf of the Young Lives Organization. The quilts will be delivered at Christmas. Gloria Hart reminded the guild of the Food Bank Collection to take place at the November General Meeting. She stated that the Food Bank would like the guild to concentrate on Christmas items. Sharon Buquo stated that she delivered 19 quilts to the Honor Flight. She will be collecting more quilts for the Spring Honor Flight in April.

Education Ellen Cannon stated that Demo Day is November 25th .There will be 7 different demos. Ellen read a thank you letter from the QuiltFest Community Service representative for the Guild's donations. Ellen shared the information she learned about Luther Springs Retreat Center. The dates are February 17th , 10 A.M.- February 20th , 10 A.M. There are spaces for 18 people, 10 rooms. The cost is \$315.00 for a single room and \$270.00 for a double room. Meals are included. They provide linens. Sign ups will begin next month.

Education Jill Kelly and Karen Duffy will be gathering information on members interest in classes. They will be looking for members to volunteer to teach.

Fall Retreat Sharon Tomore stated that Retreat begins next Monday. 30 members have signed up, 6 spots are available, see Sharon if you are interested. There will be

a retreat meeting after today's general meeting.

Hospitality Elfriede Echt thanked members who brought goodies today. She also thanked Jean Newton for her help. She passed around the sign-up sheet for the holiday party.

Library Vicki Zoller reminded the guild that new books come in every month. The library accepts donations of current books.

Membership Susan Sharpe thanked Sheron Walser and Bobbie Redshaw for filling in for her last month. We currently have 182 members. At today's meeting we had 108 members present and one guest. Beth Sullivan and Joanne Herman were the winners of today's drawing. Membership renewals begin next month. Susan will email Jenny Chambless the form. The form must be filled out. There will be an early bird renewal drawing for November and December renewals.

Newsletter Sunnie Malesky stated that she sent out the newsletter last month as Jenny Chambless was away. She apologized for any glitches. Let Sunnie know if you have any items for the newsletter, she is open to suggestions.

Quilt Mother/UFOs Mary Anne Dennis stated that the 2025 raffle quilt is in progress. It will be worked on during retreat. There are two more months left for UFOs.

QuiltFest Pat D'Elia said QuiltFest was a success!!! There was an increase of attendance by 1032. The Boutique brought in \$12,000.00 (QuiltFest will get 15%). The Quilt Sale Room brought in \$18,000.00 (QuiltFest will get 15%). Silent Auction made \$5,000.00 (last year it made \$4,000.00). The QuiltFest Table brought in \$6,300.00. All proceeds from Quilters' Walk go back to the guilds. There were 85 baskets worth \$12,000.00. Quilters' Walk brought in approximately \$8,200.00, after expenses, each guild will receive \$1088.00. 96% of the volunteer spots were filled.

Pat is collecting quilts for Hurricane Helene Victims.

Quilts of Valor Samantha Howell stated that they awarded 6 quilts last month. They took in 4 quilts. See Samantha if you have a QOV. After the holidays, QOV kits will be available.

Sit 'n Stitch LeighAnn McGuigan stated that there will be no Sit 'n Stitch next week. There will be a Sit 'n Stitch on November 1st.

Program Mystery Bag Reveal - Raney Manning was the winner of the Gift Certificate.

Show and Tell Eight members shared their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

The next Board Meeting is November 4th, 2024

The next General Meeting is November 18th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Caldarise

Recording Secretary

CHALLENGE 2025

TBA at January 2025 meeting

COMMUNITY SERVICE By Joann Davenport

FOOD BANK *THIS MONTH!*

REMINDER – Food Bank donations collected at the November General Meeting. The food bank is requesting items for Christmas and New Year Celebrations. And paper goods, cash or check are always appreciated. Checks should be made out to the Mandarin Food Bank..

APPLAUSE – A BIG SHOUT OUT to our Guild members for ALL the fabulous community service quilt donations. Here's how your love has been shared:

YoungLife – 25 quilts
Community Hospice – 39 quilts
Daniel – 48 quilts
HeartFelt – 25 quilts
North Carolina Flood Needs – 10 quilts

Now is the last chance to get fabric from the Community Service table until February 2025.

Community Service Team –

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting
Johnnie Wollard – Fabric Table
Randy Powers—Delivery of quilts
Gloria Hart – Food Bank
Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

CASE 4 SMILES — still accepting children's pillowcases. See Terri Chamberlain

UTILITY BAGS by Mary Anne Dennis

Bags will be divided up at the Nov. 11 Sit & Stitch to be delivered. This is the end of this program. Thanks to all who have participated!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY By Linda Harper

If you know of an All Star who needs a card, please email Linda Harper at Lharper16@aol.com
No cards were sent this month.

EDUCATION By Ellen Cannon

This is DEMO DAY month!

Take a break from all the Thanksgiving preparations. Come spend a morning with us learning some new tips and tricks. Demo day will be Monday, November 25th, at 10:00 AM. You might even win a door prize.

There will be seven demonstrations, each lasting about 15 minutes. Have you ever wondered about an AccuQuilt Cutter, or maybe how to make a rope bowl, or what is machine faux binding? Here is your chance to get the information and spend a fun morning with your friends.

We would like to thank all of the All Stars that have taken classes with us over the last few years. It has been a fun learning experience for all of us. During the year of 2024 we have had over a hundred All Stars attend classes.

Ellen and Priscilla

WELCOME 2025 Education chairs, Jill Kelly and Karen Duffy!
Please help them with class requests and suggestions of teachers!

FEATURED QUILTER By Linda Marsh

Jenny Chambless is our November Featured Quilter. She was born in Edna, Texas and grew up in Albany, Georgia. Jenny moved to the Jacksonville area about 6 years ago.

Jenny retired as an elementary music teacher, and loves music of almost any kind. She would tell her students that the only music that she did not care for was most rap. Anything that encourages abuse of any profession, of women, or contains foul language is not for her. She loves to read, and sewing has become her happy place!



Jenny began quilting in 2020 when most things were shut down due to Covid. She learned by watching YouTube videos, and after Covid, took some classes. She has also made friends with some very good quilters.

The first quilt Jenny made was a jelly roll quilt, and not the prettiest quilt she's ever made, but it gave her a start on her quilting journey. Jenny found All Stars by attending a guild membership event at Cinnamon's in 2023, and officially became an All Stars member in October of 2023. Jenny currently serves as All Stars Webmaster.

Jenny thrifts a lot of fabrics but gets lost when she goes into a quality quilt shop and loves touching the bolts of beautiful fabrics! Her personal method of quilting is what she calls, "SWH" – "See What Happens"!

Jenny loves Riley Blake patterns and participated in the 2023 Block challenge, which is still sitting waiting to be assembled. She also enjoys patterns By Annie, and really likes Hissyfitz Designs, now that she has worked on one during the machine applique class held earlier in 2024 with guest teacher Sandy Fitzpatrick.

A goal Jenny has set for herself is to make a quilt for every member of her immediate family, and has only two family members left to do! Jenny has 8 grandchildren and 5 of the 8 are double first cousins. Two of her 3 sons married 2 sisters. Jenny and her husband have been married 40 years and 3 of their 4 parents are still alive, and are ages 92, 93, and 94. Her husband's parents have been married 75 years!
Jenny went back to school to finish her music education degree at age 46. She graduated at age 49 and began teaching when most folks were considering retirement. She was able to teach for 17 years before full retirement.

Something most folks don't know about Jenny, is that while staying home with her children, she catered wedding receptions and made wedding cakes. She has cooked a seated rehearsal dinner for 100 people, and has also catered her largest wedding of 500 guests!

HOSPITALITY by Elfriede Echt

The following members have signed up to provide refreshments for the October general meeting:

Healthy	Lynne McCrork
Your specialty treat	Beth Sullivan
Sweet or salty	Michael Mortiss
Fruit/Veggie tray	Laura Rowe
Drinks:	
2 2 liter diet drink	Deb Frain
2 2 liter drink	Patti Sanders

Thank you!

HISTORIAN by Sandy Osager

A member of the Baptist Hospital Women's Center was guest speaker at the November 1997 general meeting. She spoke briefly on health issues of importance to women.

The 1998 raffle quilt was announced to be a Hawaiian Sampler made with a quilt pattern supplied by Ginger Lavoie. Ginger taught a class to the guild in spring '97 on the making of a Hawaiian Quilt.

LIBRARY by Vicki Zoller

Library News: Something Different!

This month's books of the moment aren't books at all! Pris Roehm won a basket at Quilters' Walk at QuiltFest and kindly donated 3 DVDs that were in the basket. The DVDs are Fat Quarter Magic with Annie Smith, Fast & Fun Raw Edge Wallhanging with Leanne Anderson, and Borders and Finishing Touches with Bonnie Browning. Instructions are included on how to print class files. There is a lot of good information on these videos just waiting for you.

The library has lots of books— you may just find a project for a Christmas gift in one of our books. Don't delay. This is the last time to access the library before the holidays. The library is here for you. Stop by, leaf through the selection, and find something that interests you. You might find a new project or just some eye candy to delight and possibly inspire you.

LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN DEC & JAN...this is the last chance until Feb. 2025!

MEMBERSHIP By Susan Sharpe

One hundred and six members attended the General Meeting held on October 21, 2024, at First Christian Church. We had one guest. As of this writing, there are 182 members. With so many members, please wear your name tag. A fifty-cent fine is a poor substitute for being able to call you by name.

Please remember that membership renewal begins in November 2024; November and December being the Early Bird months. This means members who renew during the early renewal period will be eligible for a prize drawing in the month in which they renew. Everyone who renews will be required to fully fill out a 2025 membership form and submit the form with the membership fee of \$30.00; by cash or check. The 2025 membership form is on our webpage. It would be so helpful to have the form filled out and payment ready prior to the General Meeting. This should help keep the line shortened and reduce crowding. Be sure to also sign in for the November meeting.

Thank you,
Susan Sharpe
Sheron Walser
Bobbie Redshaw

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025

The following slate of officers was voted in last month.

They will start their one-year terms at the end of the January 2025 general meeting and serve through January's meeting in 2026. Elected officers may run for a second term, but not a third.

We are looking forward to a great year with these able leaders and all the committee chairmen getting ready for 2025!

President— Delia Bright
Vice President/Programs— Pat D'Elia
Treasurer —Martha Hann
Recording Secretary— Angela Moore.

PROGRAMS

November: Quilt Chat: Applique Quilts

December: "TREE-mendous" Holiday Party, Raffle Quilt drawing and loads of cookies!

January 2025: Birthday Party, Installation of Officers, Box Luncheon (Tidbits chicken salad \$10 reservations with guild covering remainder of cost plus drinks...CUPCAKES for everyone! You may attend w/out having a lunch)

QUILTFEST 2024

WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM

Wrapping up the details from the last show!

QUILTS of VALOR

Contact Samantha Howell.

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS are small wheelchair size, about 36" or 45" square. Fall presentation was held Saturday Oct. 12. More quilts will be needed in the Spring! See Sharon Buquo for more information.

2024 RAFFLE QUILT

The Board voted to give 100% of our profits to The Child Cancer Fund. We hope to present the check at the November or December meeting

2025 RAFFLE QUILT! By Mary Anne Dennis

Contact Mary Anne if you want to help with getting this project to the end!

A lot of progress was made at the Fall Retreat. Just wait 'til you see this star-in-the-center beauty!

Christmas Quilt Raffle

Here we go! Our Christmas Quilt Raffle is underway, and we don't have to tell you Christmas is right around the corner.

The quilt will be on display at the meeting and you can take a look at the fine details of the piecing, applique, embellishment, and quilting on the delightful quilt. Whether you hope to win it for yourself or to happily gift it to someone you know, please buy tickets at the meeting.

We're keeping it simple: since this is largely a ticket sale and drawing among us, there are no ticket stubs: just buy one - or twenty - write your name and phone or email on each and give it back with your \$1 donation for each ticket. **The winning ticket will be drawn and the quilt awarded at the General Meeting on Monday, December 16.** This quilt be on display again at the November & December meetings.

RETREATS

SPRING:

Plans are already started for this popular 2025 event!

FALL: “OH MY STARS”

We had a grand time and (almost) too much fun!

Dates are set for Oct. 27—31 next year. Everyone is welcome to spend a week (Mon—Fri) just quilting, or possibly reading, napping, schmoozing with friends (and making new ones!), or whatever you like. NO COOKING...CLEANING...ETC.



WINTER: *new!*

Luther Springs Retreat Center. The dates are February 17th , 10 A.M.- February 20th , 10 A.M. There are spaces for 18 people, 10 rooms. The cost is \$315.00 for a single room and \$270.00 for a double room. Meals are included. They provide linens. Contact Ellen Cannon for more info.

SHOW & TELL for October

Always great pics on the website and FaceBook! Look for our new PRIVATE Facebook page, **Allstar Quilters Chatter** for even more fun photos.

SIT & STITCH

By LeighAnn McGuigan & Mary Anne Dennis

In November the 11th will be the only one...because the 25th is DEMO DAY!

December makes up for it with three: 9th—23rd—30th. Get ready for the holidays or escape from your visitors for a bit.

You may bring a project to work on, or just come and get to know your fellow All Stars!

TREASURE TABLE! (formerly the Freebie Table...still FREE!)

By Linda Harper

November is the last time this year to bring those quilting/sewing related items to the table.

December 2024 and January 2025 there will be no Free/Treasure table set up.

See you in February 2025.

Thanks!

Linda Harper

Free/Treasure Table Chairperson

UFOs 2024

By Mary Anne Dennis

The UFO Project will end in December this year, so get busy and **get that card punched!**

Finish 10 quilts...win a gift certificate to a local quilt shop!

Be sure to list your Show & Tell as a UFO and get your card punched.

DECEMBER IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!

WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the All Stars' website for pictures, instructions and all sorts of useful info!

In other social media news, we have a new FACEBOOK page, a PRIVATE page just for All Stars. You can find it as Allstar Quilters Chatter and click the "Join" button.

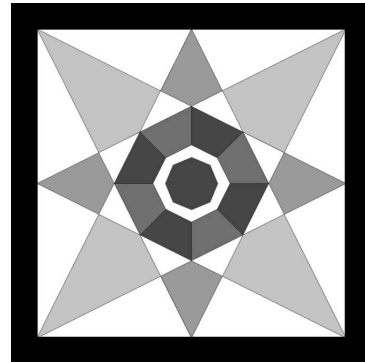
This is a place you can ask questions, find out the latest guild news and share pictures or whatever else "quilty" you think the guild will enjoy!

Also on the website you will find the membership form to print for your renewal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

NOVEMBER

7 SONDIE FRUS
7 BERNADETTE KNOX
7 OLE OLSON
12 CINDY MAGEE
15 TRISHA GROS
17 JUDY CWALINA
19 PATRICIA KERN
21 JEAN NEWTON
21 LYNNE TURPIN
22 MELINDA RIALS
23 KATIE GRUNDON
26 EVELYN LEDDY
28 RANDY POWERS
28 LYNN WEILER
29 DEBRA HUISINGA
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
18 KRISTAN VAN DALSUM-HEIN
23 SHARON WILCOX
25 PATTI SANDERS
25 VIRGINIA WALLER
27 DIANE HUTSELL
29 GERI WILLEMS
31 SHARON TOMORE

MARKETPLACE

MISSING!

The last piece for the jigsaw puzzle at Fall Retreat was found to be missing during the night of October 29th.

So far, no ransom note has been received.

If you know anything about this, do not call the police, but please contact Karol immediately.

WANTED!

We are in danger every month of not having a newsletter due to equipment & operator failure. While I will continue into next year, we really do need someone to take over.

It is not difficult. You may use any program or templates you like, since it is saved as a pdf for distribution. As long as it contains the guild news and goes out at least a week before the General Meeting, you can do it your way. Basically it is an alphabetized list of committee articles that are mostly written by other people.

If you want to know more, you may feel free to talk to me without any obligations or assumptions!

Sunnie Malesky (sunsky@comcast.net)

QUILTING SERVICES

Binding

Trish Egbert
904-735-0294

Quilting

BQ Enterprises, LLC (aka **Sharon Buquo**) **904-928-9300**
BUDGET FRIENDLY!!!!
Edge to Edge only (Several patterns to choose from)

QUILT SHOW in LEESBURG
41st annual FANTastic Quilt Show
November 15—16
Venetian Center
1 Dozier Court
Leesburg FL 34718

<https://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>

SHOP HOP 2025 IN NORTH EAST FLORIDA

January 18 – 25, 2025

Passports are \$5 till December 31, then \$7 after January 1st

The first 25 people will receive a free fat quarter

Enter to win the grand prize machine! You must visit all 7 shops to qualify.

Each shop has hopper exclusive discounts, each shop will award a \$100 gift basket and their shop quilt

Hours Mon – Sat 10-5pm, Sunday 12-4

Bee's Quilt Shop & Studio, St Augustine

Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe, Point Meadows Dr, Jacksonville

Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe, Hood Rd Jacksonville

Cut Up & Sew, Palm Coast

Miss D's Palatka

The Sew N Quilt Co, Holly Hill

Tilted Quilters, Jacksonville

AQS QUILT WEEK IN DAYTONA BEACH

Prepare yourself for a week overflowing with quilting excitement! Dive into workshops, join engaging lectures, and indulge in fabric and more at the Vendor Mall. Let your creativity soar as you explore aisles of breathtaking context and special exhibit quilts.

Daytona Beach, Florida, February 19-22, 2025

101 North Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach FL

All Stars will not be sponsoring a bus trip this year.

If you would like to volunteer for the position of Road Trip Chair, please contact President Sherry Verell or incoming President Delia Bright. We have been missing these fun days!