

*The* ALL STAR

# GAZETTE

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**ISSUE 10**

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### OCTOBER

**7 BOARD MEETING 10 am**

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

**14 SIT & STITCH**

**21 GENERAL MEETING 10 am  
MYSTERY BAG QUILTS!  
see the results!  
Election of 2025 Officers**

**28 SIT & STITCH CANCELLED  
see you next month**

**28 FALL RETREAT begins  
Monday 10 AM through Friday  
morning Nov. 1  
Still room! See p. 9**

### 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**

**25 DEMO DAY  
Demos to be announced  
All Free!**

**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

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

**Website:** [www.allstarquilters.org](http://www.allstarquilters.org)      **fE-mail:** <https://www.allstarquilters.org/services-2>

# MINUTES of the SEPT. GENERAL MEETING

All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes

September 16th , 2024

President Sherry Verell called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Sherry asked if there were any changes to the August General Meeting Minutes, there were none. Leigh Ann McGuigan made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Jill Kelly seconded the motion.

Sherry stated that we still need an Education Chair.

Sherry noted that Karol Blomgren is making a list of All Star quilts that have been entered in QuiltFest. Members should check with her to be sure that their quilt is included.

**Vice President** Raney Manning stated that the upcoming programs are as follows: today – 12 x 12, October – Mystery Bag Quilts; November – Applique Talk with Sunnie; December – “Tree – mendous” program. Raney still has 7 more trees that need to be decorated.

**Treasurer** Sharon Tomore gave her treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$15,084.05, income totaled \$829.01, expenses totaled \$260.00, the ending balance was \$15,653.06. Sharon reminded chairpersons to submit their budget for 2025.

**Corresponding Secretary/Free Table** Linda Harper sent our three cards this month. Please contact her if you know a member in need of a card.

The Free Table will be open for the October and November General Meetings. It will not be open for the December and January General Meetings.

**Nominating Committee** Linda Harper, LeighAnn McGuigan and Stacy Wilson.

Linda announced the nominees for 2025:

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

**Community Service** Joanne Davenport stated that the Baby Quilts will be presented in October, please get any additional quilts to her by the October Board Meeting. Gloria Hart collected items for the Mandarin Food Bank. Cash and checks totaled \$715.00, and food totaled \$410.00 for a total of \$1125.00

**Featured Quilter** Linda Marsh stated that Sunnie Malesky is this month's Featured Quilter.

**Hospitality** Elfriede Echt thanked members for their goodies. She also thanked Jean Newton for setting the table. She passed around the refreshment sign-up sheet for October and November. At the October General Meeting she will be passing around the cookie sign-up sheet for the December General meeting.

**Library/Challenge** Vicki Zoller stated that the 2025 Challenge quilt theme will be announced in January. Vicki announced that the library has a new Kaffe Fassett book.

**Membership** Sharon Walser and Bobbie Redshaw (for Susan Sharpe) announced that there are 95 people present 91 are members. Joyce Sharifi and Debbie Wallace were the winners of the monthly drawing. Sondie Frus was the winner of the QuiltFest Ticket, however she gave the ticket to another member.

**Newsletter/QuiltFest Guild Table** Sunnie Malesky stated that our newsletter is

emailed to members and it is always available on our website. There are still openings to volunteer at the Guild Table during QuiltFest.

**Publicity** Sondie Frus stated she has been very busy. Articles are in Arbus and Mandarin Newsliner. There are commercials on WJCT Radio and TV Station. QuiltFest was also featured on First Coast News. Sondie will be appearing on First Coast Connect. QuiltFest will be advertised on three electronic billboards in our area. QuiltFest has been very active on Facebook and Instagram. Sondie reminded the guild that there will be a selfie booth at QuiltFest.

**Fall Retreat** Sharon Tomore stated that there are 8 spots open. The dates are October 28th – November 1st and the cost is \$340.00.

**QuiltFest** Pat D'Elia praised Sondie for all her hard work in promoting QuiltFest, she has done an excellent job! QuiltFest magnetic bumper stickers are available for \$5.00. There will be a QuiltFest wrap up meeting on Saturday October 12th at Community Hospice from 9 AM to Noon.

**QuiltFest Volunteers** Patty Wallace encouraged members to volunteer.

**Quilts of Valor** Samantha Howell stated that 4 QOV were presented this month. Several are planned for October and more for November. She will have precut kits available.

**Raffle Tickets** Sherry Verell for (Linda McClelland and Deborah Pearce) stated that tickets are still available. She thanked Karol Blomgren's husband for selling over 300 tickets!

**Sit 'n Stitch/ QuiltFest Quilt Sale Room** LeighAnn McGuigan stated that there will be a Sit 'n Stitch on September 23rd and September 30th. LeighAnn has forms for the Quilt Sale Room.

**Quilt Mother 2025** Mary Anne Dennis stated that there will be a meeting on September 30th at 10 AM for all who wish if help with the 2025 raffle quilt.

**Ways and Means** Trish Gros passed out a survey with some Ways and Means ideas, she wants to know your thoughts.

**Website** Jenny Chambless reminded the guild that if you want an eblast sent out, you need the President's approval. Jenny is working on a new website address.

**Program** 12 x 12

**Show and Tell** Valerie Boufard 5 members shared their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

The next Board Meeting is October 7th, 2024.

The next General Meeting is October 21st, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Caldarise

Recording Secretary

## **VOTE AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING:**

Board recommends dues be increased to \$30. See p. 6

Also, election of officers for 2025. See p. 7

# CHALLENGE 2025

TBA at January 2025 meeting

## COMMUNITY SERVICE By Joann Davenport

### FOOD BANK NEXT MONTH!

Special request for Christmas/ Holiday foods: black -eyed peas, pickles & olives, nuts, canned veggies, stuffing mix, pancake mix & syrup, mashed potatoes.

PAPER GOODS and HYGEINE PRODUCTS ALWAYS NEEDED

**MYSTERY BAGS QUILTS** – THIS MONTH will be the BIG Show & Tell for the mystery bag challenge. Quilts will be “judged” by the Community Service committee. Bring your quilt up front to get a number before the meeting starts!.

### 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

Come to Sit & Stitch and help sort out the bags stored in the closet!

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY By Linda Harper

If you know of an All Star who needs a card, please email Linda Harper at

[Lharper16@aol.com](mailto:Lharper16@aol.com)

Two cards were sent this month.

## EDUCATION By Ellen Cannon

DEMO DAY in November! Stay tuned for details!

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

## FEATURED QUILTER By Linda Marsh

October Featured Quilter - Mary Anne Dennis

Mary Anne Dennis is our Featured Quilter for October. She was last featured in 2010. As a child, Mary Anne lived in Westlake, Ohio (just west of Cleveland) before moving to Rhode Island, Puerto Rico and Memphis. She has lived in Jacksonville for the last 50 years.



Mary Anne began quilting in 1972 by making a quilted Bethlehem Star pillow for her grandmother. She is self-taught and used old wool skirts from high school to make her first quilt. Mary Anne joined All Stars in 2004 with invitations from Gay Montgomery at FCCJ, and Sunnie Malesky at Joanns in Orange Park. Mary Anne has been on the All Stars Board of Directors for many years, as well as serving on the QuiltFest Board of Directors for 7 years.

Favorite quilt patterns for Mary Anne consist of 4-Patch Posies as she is now on her 20th 4-Patch Posy pattern!

Outside of quilting Mary Anne enjoys cycling and rode her bike to work on nice days when she worked as a bridge tender. For a few years, MaryAnne worked two full-time jobs! She enjoys sailing and racing sail boats. An article was written about Mary Anne in Sailing World magazine around 2021. She has sailed on the reconstructed USS Bounty, which sank off the coast of North Carolina in 2012 due to Hurricane Sandy.

As a volunteer she taught sewing to residents of Safe Harbor Boys Home, and swimming lessons with the Red Cross.

Dear to Mary Anne's heart is her Cavalier King Charles puppy named Mr. Darcy.

## HOSPITALITY by Elfriede Echt

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

Healthy  
Decadent chocolate  
Savory  
Your specialty treat  
Sweet or salty  
Fruit/Veggie tray

2 2liter diet drink  
2 2liter drink  
Thank you!

Wendy Anthony  
Michael Martis  
Linda Marsh  
Angela Moore  
Vicki Zoller  
Dilia Anderson

Sheila Schuler  
Daphine Moerler

## **HISTORIAN** by Sandy Osager

The August 1997 meeting was attended by 23 members. Members were preparing for Quiltfest that was to be held in November. 33 vendors and a knife sharpener were scheduled participants. A request for volunteers for the QF show and two days of judging went out to the group. Member, Sunnie Malesky was asked to judge the quilts for the annual show at Stephen Foster State Park in October.

## **LIBRARY** by Vicki Zoller

Library News: Book of the Moment

This month's new book is Quilt-As-You-Go Made Modern by Jera Brandvig. Not a modern quilter? No worries. You still use the techniques featured in the book. Just use the fabrics of your choice. You may be familiar with the QAYG technique that uses sashing to connect the individual quilted pieces. The technique in this book is a bit different. No sashing is needed to connect the blocks. You can use a walking foot or free motion quilt the sections.

Stop by the library and give this book a look. It may just be the QAYG technique that appeals to you.

A reminder that we also have 101 Log Cabin Blocks and Kaffe Fassett's Brilliant Little patchworks that were added to the library last month.

Happy Quilting!

## **MEMBERSHIP** By Susan Sharpe

Ninety members attended the General Meeting held on September 16, 2024, at First Christian Church. We had two new members, Kathy Weishaar and Renée Stein, and two guests. 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 membership form and submit the membership fee by cash or check.

It was proposed at the Board Meeting we increase the membership fee by \$5.00, resulting in an annual fee of \$30.00. This proposal will be introduced at the October General Meeting giving members an opportunity to express concerns, if any, and to vote.

Thank you,  
Susan Sharpe  
Sheron Walser  
Bobbie Redshaw

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE: 2025 SLATE**

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

Election will be held at this month’s meeting.

## **PROGRAMS**

October: Mystery Bag Quilts  
November: Quilt Chat: Applique Quilts  
December: “Tree-mendous” Holiday Party

# **QUILTFEST 2024**

[WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM](http://WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM)

**A HUGE THANK-YOU to the many All Stars who volunteered to make this the biggest show since 2013.**

**Pat will make a report at the meeting...everything was a big success!**

**BE SURE TO SEE THE DISPLAY BOARD OF ALL STAR ENTRIES**, created by Karol Blumgren  
Congratulations to all the winners!

## **QUILTS of VALOR**

Contact Samantha Howell.

## **HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS**

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

## 2024 RAFFLE QUILT

**And the winner is: David Marakov.**

**Winning ticket sold by Karol Blumgren** (actually it was a gift to him, as he did some excellent electrical work for her!).

## 2025 RAFFLE QUILT! **By Mary Anne Dennis**

Contact Mary Anne if you want to help with getting this project to the end!  
Learn about Selvedge Quilts!

## 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.

Hopefully the quilt will be in 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: **October 28 to Nov. 1**

**Packets have been emailed to those who are signed up. Spaces still available!**



“OH MY STARS”



**2024 Fall Retreat October 28—  
November 1, 2024  
@ The Retreat at Silver Springs**

A Reminder to all... All monies for our Fall Retreat are due by October 21, 2024. We still have 7 spaces available for our Fall Retreat. Please contact Sherry Verell or Sharon Tomore if you would like to reserve a space for a week full of fellowship, creative fun and some fabulous food. We always have a fantastic time. Don't miss out!

## **SHOW & TELL for September**

### **SIT & STITCH**

By LeighAnn McGuigan & Mary Anne Dennis

The 14th is the only Sit & Stitch this month.  
In November the 11th will be the only one...because the 25th is DEMO DAY!

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

By Linda Harper

Please fill the table this month with those items you don't want that can find a new home!

Thanks!

Linda Harper

Free/Treasure Table Chairperson

### **UFOs 2024** By Mary Anne Dennis

Please remember to sign in when you bring or show your quilt...and if it is part of the UFO project, get your card punched. **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!

Webmaster Jenny Chambliss is on vacation, so your newsletter has been distributed in a different way this month.

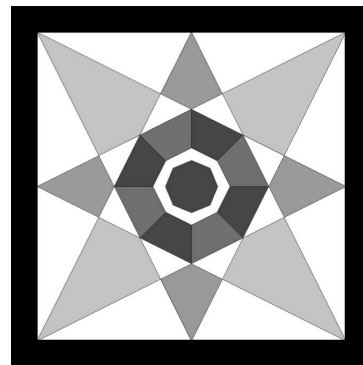
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

### OCTOBER

8 DEB FRAIN  
8 MARTHA HANN  
9 DAPHINE MOERLER  
10 JOYCE SHARIFI  
10 VANNA WILLIS  
17 SARA MAGUIRE  
18 REN É E STEIN  
23 LIZ STALEY  
24 MINDY ASHBY  
24 KAROL BLOMGREN  
27 DELIA BRIGHT  
28 JUNE DANIELS  
29 PEGGY SARFIELD  
31 BARBARA NICHOLS  
31 DIANA OLIVER

### 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



# MARKETPLACE

## **BIG FABRIC SALE FRIDAY OCT. 11th...*THIS WEEKEND!***

10—2

40 bins of quilt-shop quality fabric:

Bolts of Minkee; flannel; BATIKS; brights; geometrics; kids; holiday

Quilt tops and quilts

\$5 per yard \$2 per fatquarter

Bonnie Helm

14051 Alrose Ct., Jacksonville 32224 (near Mayo)

OR phone 904-755-1734 to shop by appointment

## **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



**American  
Red Cross**



Follow QR Code to  
donate for an  
opportunity to win  
this quilt!

## JAXMQG Opportunity Quilt for Red Cross Hurricane Helene Fundraiser

This award-winning quilt is being used to fundraise for the Red Cross Helene Relief Efforts. Please help us raise money for building back the communities devastated by the storm. The quilt measures 76 by 78 inches and for a \$5 donation, you get an entry for an opportunity to win it! A \$20 donation gets you 6 opportunities to win! Hundred percent of the proceeds collected (minus transaction fees) will go to Red Cross.

**DRAWING OCT. 27**

See next page for more info about helping  
hurricane victims.

# HURRICANE AID QUILTS

Fall and winter are coming, and many people lost warm blankets and quilts.

I am asking local guilds and friends to donate quilts, fleece blankets and CLEAN gently used blankets for the Asheville area.

My daughter in law's sister Jen lives in Asheville and can distribute quilts to the affected areas. Jen's husband works for Sam's club and can coordinate donations through organization that receive donations from Sam's Club.

**My husband and I plan to travel and deliver the quilts the weekend of November 2nd/3rd.** Please note we have moved up the date.

Please let me know if you can help donate or pick up donated quilts.

Contact me

**Chirstina Flores 208-919-1100**

**christinafloresfiberartist@gmail.com**

**AT PRESS TIME WE ARE WAITING HURRICANE MILTON TO ARRIVE IN FLORIDA.**

**WATCH FOR INFO ON SENDING AID TO FELLOW FLORIDIANS.**

**OFTEN A MONETARY DONATION IS THE BEST WAY TO HELP SO THE AID-SUPPLYING GROUPS CAN PURCHASE WHAT THEY KNOW IS NEEDED AND CAN BE USED IMMEDIATELY.**

***HOPING THAT EVERYONE COMES THROUGH THE STORM SAFELY!***