

# The All Star Gazette

## July 2025 Meeting Dates

- July 7** **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am. All members are welcome to attend.
- July 14** **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – noon. Setup 9:30. Everyone Welcome!
- July 21** **General Meeting.** 10:00 am. Social Time 9:30 am.  
Program – All Star Annual Challenge hosted by Vicki Zoller.  
*Library will be closed.*
- July 28** **Paper Piecing Class.** Gloria Hart. See page 5 for more information.  
*Set up will begin at 9:30. Class at 10:00.*

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

## July 21, 2025 Meeting Notes

**Challenge Quilt.** Vote for your favorite entry!

**50/50 Raffle** – Buy tickets for a chance to take home some extra cash.

**Raffle Quilt Tickets On Sale!** All proceeds go to Volunteers in Medicine.

**Class Sign Ups**

**Pick Up All Stars T-Shirts** *Payment is due when you get your shirt.*

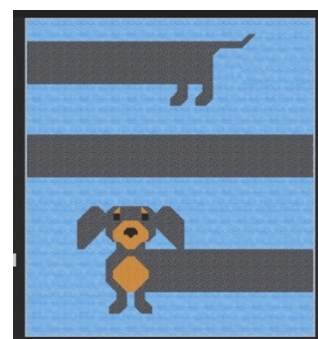
## Education Classes 2025

- July 28** **Paper Piecing** (Gloria Hart) Beginners to Advanced.
- Aug 25** **Fabric Painting** (Erica Dodge) Beginners to Advanced.
- Sept 29** **Christmas Tree Skirt** (Mary Anne Dennis) Beginners to Advanced.

*See page 5 for more information on individual classes.*

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- **And Much More!**



*July 23 National Hot Dog Day*

## Stash Getting Out of Control?

Donate that extra fabric to the guild where it can be put to good use by our quilters. This donated fabric is FREE to our members for charity quilts and all purchased fabric money goes to your guild.

Fabric selection is low right now. Please bring any donations to the General Meeting. Yardage – Fat Quarters – Jelly Rolls – Backing. All are accepted!



Let's go visit a quilt shop or two. On Thursday, July 24th we are going to OCEANS OF THREAD, in Deland, Florida. We will meet at 9:00 AM in the parking lot of Target. The Target on San Jose Blvd., just north of I295, next to Publix.

I have talked to the shop owner and she is going to offer us 10% off if we have 10 or more in our group. She will also do a little talk/demonstration about thread. She said she has been getting in lots of new fabric, Christmas, Fall, Tilda, and Liberty cotton wide backs. It will be fun to see all the new things!

Once we finish our shopping we will go have lunch somewhere. Where is still in the works! Then you can go visit

a new shop in Deltona. You will receive the address & information on that shop on the 24th.

If you are willing to drive please let me know and how many you have planning to ride with you. If you would like to go and have not made arrangements to ride with anyone please notify me so I can get you a seat.

My email is [eandpcft@bellsouth.net](mailto:eandpcft@bellsouth.net) my telephone number is 904-571-3752.

Please, if you sign up to drive or ride and life happens and you cannot go, let me know. We will leave Target at 9:00 AM and I do not want to worry that I have left someone.

*-Ellen Cannon*

## Fall Retreat: A Quilter's Odyssey

Join us **October 27--31** as we travel on our Quilter's Odyssey! Along the way we'll have many adventures and loads of fun.

The first part of the journey will be travelling to **The Retreat at Silver Springs!**

<https://theretreatatsilversprings.org/>

Each person will have an entire 6' table for their creating needs. Irons with boards and a large stand-up cutting table are provided to share, as well as a design board area. This spacious room is open for your use at any time, day or night!

The sewing room, lounge for quiet activities, and dining hall are all in one building on one level.

A favorite part of Retreat is all meals are included...and that means provided for you with no planning, cooking, or cleaning up!

While the committee is hard at work on the details, the usual activities and treats can be expected . . . demos, goodie bags, blocks to make, and more! As always, participation is your choice . . . we are there to just quilt and have fun at our own pace(s).

There will be four people to each cabin, sharing a double bath. If you require different arrangements, please check with Sherry Verell for alternatives, or for any other questions.

**Registration will open as soon as possible**, so watch for an e-Blast later this month!

*-Sunnie Malesky*

## LAST CHANCE . . . to Become a “Friend of QuiltFest” 2025

For Just \$5.00 per line, you can list your name, your Grandchildren’s names, in memory or recognition of someone, a dedication, etc. in the QuiltFest program.

**Your line can be 52 characters in length (including spaces).**



Sample: To Grandma, my sewing mentor. Love, Jane Doe. (45 characters)

Your donation to “Friends of QuiltFest” helps pay for parking. A \$10.00 per car per day cost will be covered by QuiltFest and your donation is appreciated to offset this QuiltFest expense.

See Deb Frain at the July meeting. **Thanks for supporting QuiltFest!**

*-Deb Frain*

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## 2025 Guild Challenge: One Size Quilts All

This is it! The reveal of this year’s Challenge will take place at the July general meeting. **For those of you participating in the Challenge, there are a few things to know.**

Please arrive with your quilt between 9:00 and 9:30. This gives me time to arrange the quilts before the meeting starts. And remember— your quilt should be 36” square. I realize that shrinkage often takes place after quilting, but not 3 or 4 inches! So take care. If you wish to provide information about your quilt (much like you would for a QuiltFest entry), please provide your info on a piece of paper or card no larger than 3” x 5” and affix it to your quilt. If your name is anywhere on your quilt, please cover it up.

During the program part of the meeting, we will view the quilts and vote on our 3 favorites. I will provide some pencils, but they always seem to vanish, so you might want to bring your own. Each quilt will then tell a bit about his or her entry. This is so much fun, as we always enjoy hearing the stories behind the quilts, and we also reveal who made each quilt. After the votes are tallied, the top 3 vote getters’ names will be announced and they will each receive a \$40 gift card from Cinnamon’s.

Happy Quilting! I can’t wait to see your quilts!

A reminder that the library will be closed this month, as the space is needed to display the Challenge quilts.

*-Vicki Zoller*

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## Membership

Ninety members of All Star Quilters’ Guild attended the General Meeting on June 16, 2025, at First Christian Church. We had one guest and two new members: Katie Elakman and Vonda Emory. All Star Quilters’ Guild now has 157 recorded members.

I turned over the t-shirt responsibility to Trisha Gros, Ways and Means Chairperson, so direct t-shirt inquiries to her. She is already doing a fantastic job for you and for the guild. Thank you.

*-Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw*

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## Library News: Checking Out

After many years as serving as the Guild librarian, I am “checking out”. It is time to give another Guild member the opportunity to be in charge of the library. I have enjoyed curating the Guild’s collection of books, finding materials to inspire and educate Guild members, and even making a bit of money for the Guild with book sales.

If you are interested in taking this job and would like to know more about what it entails, please email (no texts) or call me or Delia Bright.

In a related matter, I have completed my annual inventory of the Guild’s library materials. An updated inventory will appear on the All Star website. I noticed that there are some books that have been checked out for a very long time. So a few of you will be receiving notices to please return your materials so that other Guild members may enjoy them. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your support of the All Star library.

*-Vicki Zoller*

## Featured Quilter: A Short History and An Appeal

Linda Marsh is stepping away from the Featured Quilter interviews for a while and I will be taking her place. This is a homecoming for me as I started the Featured Quilter as a regular column in the Guild newsletter in 2010. The motto of All Stars is “Where everyone can shine”. I asked Sunnie Maleski, who was President at the time, if I could write a column shining a light on various members of the Guild and she said yes. Since 2010 there have been 150 Featured Quilters!

Interviews have been conducted by me, Linda McClelland, Lisa Anderson, June Rittscher, Susan Sharpe, Donna Calderise, and Linda Marsh. Linda McClelland conducted a whopping 66 interviews!

Here is the appeal. **If you would like to be a Featured Quilter, let me know via phone or email. Or if you would like to nominate a fellow Guild member to be a Featured quilter, let me know.** Generally, I email a list of questions and the Guild member responds via email. But if you would prefer to meet face to face, we can arrange that. Do not feel that you need to respond to every question. You may share information about your personal life or you can focus on your quilting journey. Maybe you are an experienced quilter or maybe you haven’t completed a quilt. It doesn’t matter! You can share whatever you want— such as what brought you to All Stars or what you enjoy about belonging to the Guild.

People I have interviewed have often said, “Oh, there is nothing interesting about me.” Not true! Every person I interviewed had something interesting and unique to share. The first person I interviewed, Julie Mainor, added a question to my list, “Is there something about you that most people don’t know?” There have been some amazing answers to that question.

Help me continue the tradition of the Featured Quilter by saying “Yes, of course!” If I ask to interview you. I know your fellow quilters will enjoy discovering your unique story.

*-Vicki Zoller*

## Featured Quilter – Linda Harper



Guild members know Linda Harper as the Corresponding Secretary of All Stars. You may have received a card from her to brighten your day.

Linda is a native of Louisville, Ky. She moved to Jacksonville when her son was 5 years old and has been here for almost 50 years.

Quilts have always been a part of Linda's life, from when she crawled on a quilt on the floor when she was a baby to when she slept under a handmade quilt. Linda has been involved in quilting for a long time. She was a member of Friendship Quilters in the 1980's. Did you know that Linda was one of the original All Stars? She was glad to have a guild in Mandarin so that she didn't have to cross the Buckman Bridge to go to Guild meetings. Of course, we are thankful for all the Guild members who currently cross the Buckman to come to All Star meetings!

Linda also worked for a brief time at the High Cotton Quilt Shop at Beach and University Blvds. Do any of you remember this shop?

Like many quilters, Linda's love of needlework isn't confined to quilting. She volunteered at Community Hospice and rediscovered her love of crocheting. She currently meets with a group at the Senior Center on Hartley Road. Her group has made over 450 hats this year for donation to various charities around Jacksonville. Great work, Linda!

Although crochet is Linda's first love, she is very active in All Stars. In addition to serving as Corresponding Secretary, she has delivered community service quilts, has been in charge of the free table at Guild meetings, and has served on the nominating and audit committees. This will also be Linda's third year as a volunteer at Quilters' Walk at QuiltFest.

We appreciate Linda's many contributions to All Stars and are glad that she found her way back to the Guild after her retirement in 2019.

-Vicki Zoller

## Education

Classes for July, August, September and preliminary 2026

**July 28** - You still have time to sign up for Gloria Hart's PAPER PIECING class. It is a table topper with Mariners' Compass medallion (photo). Cost is \$15 and that includes the printed foundation papers. Supply list is on the All Stars website.



**August 25** - Erica Dodge's PAINTING FABRIC class is full, but I have asked her to do a second class in the spring. As of this writing, I have not heard back, but hope springs eternal. For those who are taking the class, the entire kit is in your course fee. Be sure to bring a lunch and dress with throw away clothes since this class is MESSY!

**September 29** - Mary Ann Dennis still has spots available for her CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRT class. Patterns are available at the sign-up table.

October, November, and December are taken up with RETREAT, THANKSGIVING, AND CHRISTMAS, so we start again in January. I have three preliminary classes in discussion, so far. More later.

-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.

## Historian

An August 1998 class was scheduled for a Noah's Ark quilt shown by Patsy Beach, current and longtime member. The quilt was made a year earlier for Patsy's new granddaughter. 27 members and 1 guest attended the June 98 meeting.

- Sandy Onsager

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## Sit and Stitch

The only sit and stitch for July is on the 14th come join us. No need to bring projects just bring yourself and have some good enjoying conversations with friends.

-LeighAnn McGuigan

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## Ways and Means

Thank you for participating in the 50/50 raffle last month. We will have another one this month. Stay tuned for a sewing machine raffle at our December meeting.

### T-shirts

We had a great response to our T-shirt sale. Our orders have been filled. If you ordered a shirt please bring cash or check made out to All Stars Quilters Guild. Look for Trisha Gros to collect your shirt. The cost is \$20/shirt. **It would be great to have all shirts delivered at the July meeting so if you cannot attend perhaps a friend could pick it up for you.**

-Trisha Gros




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## Programs

**July** - All Stars Annual Challenge, hosted by Vicki.

**August** - Nikki Hill from St Augustine. She is an award winning quilter involved in our QuiltFest as well as AQS shows. She wins ribbons everywhere. It will be a trunk show and slide presentation.

**September** - Getting your quilts ready for the long-armor. This will be presented by Ms. Delia Bright and Ms. Angie Moore.

**October** – The Brown Mystery Bag Reveal. Please finish up . . . or start your projects.

-Pat D'Elia

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## QuiltFest Reminders:

1. Register your quilt
2. Sign up for volunteering
3. Be making items for the quilt sale room, boutique, and Silent Auction
4. Get the necessary forms for sale room and boutique.
5. July meeting is the last call for "Friends of QuiltFest ". Program deadline. \$5 per line

Thanks. Let's make it a great show!

-Pat D'Elia

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## Community Service

**Applause** – Our guild contributed \$1,057.50 to the Mandarin Food Bank. Next food drive is in September. A request was made by one of our fellow members who works at the food bank for jelly contributions. Peanut butter sandwiches are so much better with jelly.

**Request** – **Fabric is needed for the Community Service table.** Please check out your personal fabric stash and DONATE any fabrics you don't plan to use to the Guild. Reminder - we provide batting for community service quilts. Just reach out to Sharon Buquo or Joann Davenport with the size batting you need, and we'll get it to you at the next Guild meeting. We have members who can quilt or bind your community service quilts if you need the assistance. And remember that labels are not needed on the Community Service quilt donations. The Guild has a press on label that Randy Powers affixes before he distributes the quilts to the various charities we support.

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*




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## Website

### QuiltFest volunteer signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44AFAD2FABFA7-jaxquilt#/>

There is still plenty of time to sign up to volunteer at QuiltFest! You will not regret being a part of this exciting event!

Volunteer sign ups are generally in 2-hour increments and are a wonderful way to get involved and meet new folks!

As you will see, there are slots available from Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (excluding September 13<sup>th</sup> and all Sundays.)

For this event to be a continued success, many volunteers are required.

Grab your spot before they are gone!

**Website:** You will find loads of great information on our website. Remember that you can always find the latest information (calendar and class schedules/supply lists) at any time.

<https://www.allstarquilters.org>

**Facebook Chatter:** We currently have 82 members who are part of our Allstar Quilters Chatter Facebook page! All you need to do is click on the link below and answer a few questions and you will be approved quickly! (You must also be a current guild member to be a member.)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/413597501814011>

*-Jenny Chambless*

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## QuiltFest Boutique

Due to the success of the QuiltFest Boutique last year we're excited for its return.

As members of the 7 Sister QuiltFest Guilds we all have the opportunity to sell our unique creations at the QuiltFest Boutique; 15% goes to QuiltFest and you keep the rest.

**See Deb Frain, our guild's contact to pick up your entry and information forms** as well as answer any questions you may have. Forms will be available at the July and August meetings.

Note: Many of the items last year were purchased for gifts and the colorful eye-catching ones sold very well. We are **not** allowing crochet or knit items.

Below is a list of "some" items that would be good for the Boutique. Whether its hand sewn or a sewing machine has been used to make it, then you are probably OK.

### Boutique Items to consider:

Kitchen & Household: aprons, placemats, potholders, dish towels, dish cozies, mug rugs, napkins, decorator pillows, pillowcases, rope bowls, fabric bowls, tablet covers.

Bags: purses, change purses, cosmetic bags, jewelry cases, tote bags, travel bags, Dopp kits, backpacks, curling iron bag, shoe bag, grocery bags, treat bag/holders.

For Children: tooth fairy pillow, stuffed animals, dolls & clothes, bibs, hairbows/headbands.

Sewing supplies: project bags, supplies bags, ruler bags, sewing machine/aprons, sewing Pin cushion/trash bags, thread bags, sewing machine covers.

Quilted clothing: quilted jackets, quilted vest.

Other gifts: gift card holders, covered notebooks/journals, post cards, note cards.

Holiday: holiday decorations, ornaments, Christmas trees, tree skirts, Christmas stockings, Fall/Thanksgiving, Halloween, wall hangings-no larger than 24x24.

**Looking forward to seeing your creations! Start your engines and Happy Sewing!**

*-Deb Frain*

## 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.

## Hospitality

*Thanks to these members for providing refreshments at the July meeting –*

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Healthy               | Ellen Ford        |
| Decadent Chocolate    | Patty Campioni    |
| Savory                | Terri Chamberlain |
| Your specialty treat  | Michael Martiss   |
| Sweet or salty        | Martha Hann       |
| Fruit/Veggie tray     | Annette Graham    |
| 2 2 liter diet drinks | Sherry Verell     |
| 2 2 liter drinks      | Julie Hammond     |

*-Elfriede Echt*





**Note:** Any All Star member can advertise here free of charge. Pictures are always welcome. Merchandize ads will run for two issues. Submit your ad to [jbright414@gmail.com](mailto:jbright414@gmail.com). -Thank you.

### **Baby Lock Accomplish Heavy Duty Straight Stitch. \$550.00**

Like New!!! Currently selling new for \$1200. Bought in Oct 2023 at Calico Station. Probably less than 10 hours of run time before I realized I am a Juki person.

All accessories plus a \$50 ruler foot. Great for bags and heavy duty sewing. \$550.00 or a reasonable offer.

Contact Jane at [jbright414@gmail.com](mailto:jbright414@gmail.com).

You can find specs and a detailed description on the Baby Lock website: <https://babylock.com/accomplish>.




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### **Small Weaving Loom. \$20.00**

Great way to use scraps!

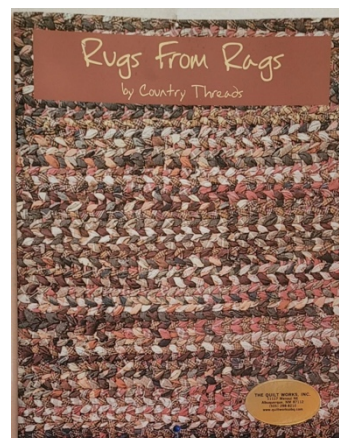
Placemat size handmade loom.

15" x 20" weaving loom with instruction book. Book includes instructions to make a 27" x 38" rug frame.

For \$20.00 it could be yours!

Text-928-606-4284 or email [zawlacki@yahoo.com](mailto:zawlacki@yahoo.com)

-Adriane Elwood



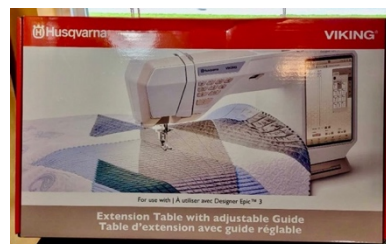

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### **Extension table for Husqvarna Epic 3. \$50.00**

New in the box,. This will only fit the **EPIC 3**.

If you have any questions my email is: [zawlacki@yahoo.com](mailto:zawlacki@yahoo.com) OR text: 928-606-4284.

-Adriane Elwood



**Husqvarna Viking Longarm Quilting Frame and Machine.** \$800.00 OBO

Quilting frame and quilting machine with laser attachment, instruction book, several pantograph patterns, and over 100 bobbins. Quilting frame extends from lap/twin size to queen/king size.

Contact Margaret Stewart 904-403-0828 or [marg1761944@gmail.com](mailto:marg1761944@gmail.com).

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**Brother NQ1700 E Embroidery Machine.** \$1800.00



Like new – less than a year old.

Selling because I upgraded.

Machine comes in original box, 120 spools of thread - only a few lightly used, the rest are still sealed (\$50), extra hoops (\$100), and thread holder (\$100). It's an awesome deal. My loss; your gain.

For more info contact LeighAnn McGuigan 904-993-2864 or [kennelqueen1@gmail.com](mailto:kennelqueen1@gmail.com).

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**Pacesetter PS 500.** \$950.00 (w/o case). \$1000.00 (w/case).



Comes with thread holder (\$100), custom extension table (\$200), and Owner's Manual. Less than a year old. Bought at D & R - I upgraded.

For more info contact LeighAnn McGuigan 904-993-2864 or [kennelqueen1@gmail.com](mailto:kennelqueen1@gmail.com).

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**Bernina Owners –**

I have 2 extension tables and seam guides for the BERNINA 440 and/or 640, as well as a cabinet insert.

I have another BERNINA cabinet insert that is listed to fit several models.

If you are interested, we can figure it all out!! Please call Karen Weisman. 904-302-4784.

**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.

**July**

- 3 ANGELA MOORE
- 4 LYNNE MCCRORK
- 6 MARGARET STEWART
- 8 LAURA MCNEICE
- 9 DEBBIE WALLACE
- 19 VONDY HILBERT
- 20 SHERON WALSER
- 21 REBECCA BACHUSZ
- 25 CRYSTAL DEL GUIDICE
- 25 JEANNE FORTUNE
- 29 BETH SULLIVAN

**August**

- 1 JUDY SHEFFIELD
- 3 JANET GALLIA
- 7 PAT HEMSLEY
- 11 SUE BLYTHE
- 11 KATHY NAY
- 12 CYNDIE CAMPBELL
- 15 ADRIANE ELWOOD
- 16 BARBARA LUMPIESZ
- 21 JOYCE DAUGHERTY
- 22 BETTYE STILLEY
- 25 ZINA WARNER
- 26 ELLEN CANNON
- 31 DILIA ANDERSON

## General Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025 (Draft)

**President Delia Bright** called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

**President Delia** asked that the May General Meeting Minutes to be approved. Angela Moore made a motion to approve the minutes and Jill Kelly seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

We are selling tickets for the Raffle Quilt that is here on display so we can take a picture to show when selling the tickets. The quilt was pieced by Mary Anne Dennis and quilted by Delia Bright.

**Vice President Pat D'elia** - Programming – The Mystery Program has been postponed. It will continue to be a mystery. We will instead have an extended Show & Tell.

Upcoming programs are:

July – Challenge Reveal – Vicki Zoller will talk about that.

August – Nikki Hill is from St. Augustine, and she is an award-winning quilter at our show and at the AQS Shows. She will show us some beautiful, primitive items.

For those who will be participating in our extended Show & Tell, if you want your picture taken, take a number when you sign the register. If you do not want your picture taken, do not take a number.

**Treasurer** -Martha Hann – is not here today. Delia Bright will give the report for Martha.

Beginning Balance 11,480.58, Class fees, Fabric Sales and Raffle Tickets 1,010.00,

Final Balance 12,490.58

**Corresponding Secretary** – Linda Harper – 43 cards were sent out this month. Some cards were sent out to some just so they know we were thinking about them. Cards were sent to June Daniels, Randy Powers, Nancy Moran, Patty Wallace, Terri Paglione, Linda Marsh, Nena Bird and Sharon Tomore.

**Community Service** – Joann Davenport – Food Bank – Gloria is on the way to drop off things that were donated. We had \$640.00 in cash and checks, and \$417.00 in food and paper goods. The Food Bank needs jelly.

**Fabric Table** – If you want something from Community Service for a quilt that you are working on, those items are free. We just got a roll of batting, so if you need some see Sharon Buquo or Joann and they will give it to you. Randy Powers asked that we be reminded that no labels are needed for the Community Service quilts because we iron those on. If you need a Community Service quilt quilted or bound, we have people that will assist you with that.

**Education** – Jill Kelly – There are some slots available for the Paper Piecing Class because she has increased the size of the July class. Sign-up sheets are on the table. The August Painting class is closed, no one has cancelled so the waiting list is still waiting. Jill will ask if she'll be willing to come back after the first of the year to teach another class.

We have Demo Day planned for November 10. Jill passed around the sign-up sheet. She needs only 6 or 7 people to Demo a tip, or special way that they do something, or a pattern that they think somebody would like. Each Demo lasts only 15 or 20 minutes, then we rotate from table to table.

**Christmas Tree Skirt** – Mary Anne Dennis – there are more slots open. For those that have already signed up, the pattern is on the table, in the paper bags.

**Fall Retreat** – Sherry Verrell – The Fall Retreat is coming up October 27 – 31. It will be at the Conference Center in Silver Springs. Our first planning meeting is today, 21 June 2025. If you are participating in, or are interested in helping plan, you are welcome to come to the meeting.

**Featured Quilter** – Vicki Zoller – Linda Marsh is stepping away for a while so Vicki will be doing the Featured Quilter for a while. Featured Quilter started as a monthly column in 2010. Linda gave Vicki a list of everyone who has been interviewed for the Featured Quilter. We have featured a lot of Quilters, and we currently have two people that are lined up to be interviewed. If you would like to be interviewed or if you have someone that you would like to recommend being interviewed, email Vicki. She has a list of questions, and you can decide what you would like to have included in the column. It can be done by email. You do not need to be an experienced quilter. It isn't about that. It's about getting to know everyone in the guild.

Linda Marsh wrote: The June Featured Quilter is Diana Oliver. She was born into a Military family, and her first move was when she was just 10 days old. She has lived in over 50 different locations and has called Jacksonville home for the past 30 years. She first sewed satin together as a teenager in her first attempt to make a quilt. It was never finished. While she was between jobs, she took a quilting class at FSCJ and made several quilts before returning to the workforce. Her instructor at FSCJ, Gay Montgomery, mentioned All Star Quilters' Guild. She retired 2 or 3 years ago. And about 3 years ago Diana stopped at the All Star Quilters' table at QuiltFest and joined the guild. She was pleasantly surprised at the professional structure of the All Star Quilters' Guild and the friendliness of the members. Diana showed several of her quilts to the membership.

**Hospitality** – Terri Chamberlain asked for volunteers for July. Terri and Linda have been trying to step into Elfriede Echt's shoes while she's on a cruise. We have one spot open for July. Terri is trying to fill in that spot for Elfriede. Michael Martiss volunteered to bring something for the table in July.

**Library** – Vicki Zoller – Next month, library will be closed because we need that area to do the Challenge quilts. The library will be back in August.

Challenge is next month (July) and all the information is in the newsletter. There will be more specific information in next month's newsletter. She has asked that the quilts are here by 9:15 am so everything can be set up beforehand. The only rule for the Challenge quilt, is that they must be 36" x 36".

**Membership** – Susan Sharpe – We have 90 people here today and we have 156 Members as of today. We have a new member, Katie Elkmann. We have 2 visitors, Vonda Emery, guest of Cindy McGee, and Tahitiana Rivera, guest of Kathy Nay.

Membership drawing winners are Deb Frain and Elaine Brett.

T-Shirts – Susan is getting the order ready. The shirts are \$20 due upon delivery and hopefully that will be at the July meeting. Susan would like to get the order to Trisha Gros, all filled out. The company we're using has been very kind to us. She asked if there was anyone else that wants a shirt, but didn't get to order yet. There were 5 people that wanted to place orders. Susan asked that they see her after this meeting.

Susan oversees judging. She encouraged anyone that has the time to go to the judging because you learn so much. Not that you must make quilts according to what the judges say, but you'll see what they look for and you'll know if you want to enter a quilt. She said not to worry about that. There are 17 slots open in the morning and afternoon. We're not filled yet. She asked us



to go online and check it out. Judging is the week before QuiltFest, and it usually ends on Thursday. But they've set aside Friday also. So – sign up!

**Passion Projects** – C.J. Clark – She and Beth Sullivan are members of Bag Ladies & they take donations for The Hubbard House, which is for victims of domestic violence, it is a safe haven. We can help them with Publix Prescription bags. They put toiletries in the bags for the children. The Bag Ladies give 45 bags per month to children at the Hubbard House. These children come in with the clothes on their backs, in the middle of the night, scared to death. The Bag Ladies fill the bags with a towel, wash cloth, a pillow, Beanie babies, a small toy, flashlight, toiletries and children's books. They need a lot of donations such as brushes, combs, soap, shampoo, etc. These can be given to C.J. or to Beth. They currently have enough for the rest of this year. But they never turn down any donations. They also take larger stuffed animals that will fit in the bags.

**Raffle Quilt** – Deborah Pearce – Raffle quilt ticket sales – she has a picture of the quilt, and it is amazing. About one third of the members have bought or picked up envelopes of the tickets. If every one of us takes 1 envelope, that would be over \$3000 for the Volunteers in Medicine. You can look online and see all the good things they do. Come by and pick up your tickets.

**QuiltFest** – President Delia – we have several points that we would like to touch on. The **Boutique** – Deb Frain, **Baskets** – Rainy Manning, **Volunteers** – Jenny Chambless, and **Quilt Sale Room** – LeighAnn McGuigan.

**QuiltFest** – Pat D'Elia - Registration for quilts is now open. It opened in April and will end on July 25. She does not have current count, but the last time she heard there were 14 entries. You do not have to have the quilt finished until the September 1 turn in. But you do have to have it registered. They need to know the number of entries they have so they can plan the layout. So, register as soon as you know what you're doing. If you go ahead and register, you won't need to worry about it. Just finish in time for turn in. There is a lot to do between registration and turn in. There are turn in sites and there is a lot of paperwork that needs to be completed and turned into different sites.

QuiltFest is asking that instead of Me Dolls (we have enough sewn up, ready to stuff), they want/need Heart Pillows in two sizes. These heart pillows are one size for Breast Cancer patients, and the other size is for Heart Patients. We need only to cut them out and sew them up, leaving an opening for stuffing and once they are sewn, bring them in and give them to any QuiltFest Rep. The pillows will be stuffed at QuiltFest. They have asked for red or pink fabric. It does not have to be a solid.

The Me Dolls, once stuffed, will be given to the hospitals for the children. They use the dolls to draw on to explain to the children what they are going to do. The children get to keep the doll. Ellen Cannon handed out some patterns for the heart pillows, to be taken home and used to make more patterns. Then the originals are to be returned to Pat.

Pat D'Elia told us that we are going to have Advance Tickets again this year. She sent around a clipboard so we could fill out the information, she'll bring the signup sheet again next month. Put down how many regular and how many senior tickets you need. The tickets will be purchased. Bring your money to the August meeting. A Rep from Quilt Fest will be here to sell us tickets.

You might volunteer one day and want to come back the next day. Buy an Advance Ticket for the second day or buy one for a friend or neighbor or relative. The reason for Advance Tickets



is because we don't want a bottle neck at the ticket window. We've had that happen before and we don't want to wait in line to buy a ticket on the day of. You need to get your ticket in advance. We are able to offer it, so take advantage of it. Pat passed around a signup sheet for advance tickets and she'll bring it again next month. These tickets are good for any day of the show.

Last year we had eleven quilt shops from Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Georgia selling advance tickets. This year the shops have formed a little challenge. QuiltFest offered a catered lunch to the shop that sells the most advance tickets. So, if you have a favorite quilt shop, you could buy your advance tickets there.

**Silent Auction** – Is a feature of QuiltFest that we have every year. The proceeds go to a charity. This year we have 2 charities. One is Quigley House in Clay County and the other is The Betty Griffen House in St. Johns County. Both are safe havens for victims of domestic violence.

It is time to be making your Silent Auction items and looking to see what you may want to donate. Donations suggestions – if you are putting something in the boutique, make one for the silent auction. Bring donations items to Pat D'Elia.

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**Boutique** - Deb Frain – 1 change – we won't be able to take pin cushions. We have a vendor that sells only pin cushions. We can, however, donate a scrap bag that has a pin cushion attached to it. She will have the forms for selling in the boutique and the tags and pins through the August meeting. She also has forms for Friends of QuiltFest. You can pick up a form and bring it back at the next meeting. It is \$5 per line, 52 characters per line, including spaces. Remember, this helps to pay for the free parking that is normally \$10 per day.

Samantha Howell has volunteered our Thursday sewing group to organize the two Raffle Baskets for Quilt Fest. The themes are "Coffee and Chocolate" and "In the Garden". She has put together a wish list on Amazon. Search her name and Quilt baskets. Some suggestions are – little biscotti's, coffee themed fabric, coasters, seed packets, hand tools, gloves, floral fabric.

Jenny Chambless – If anyone has ever wondered how you could be involved, then come volunteer for QuiltFest. It's only 2-hour slots. Go to the All Star website and in the upper right corner is a button "Quilt Fest Volunteer Signup" press that button, enter your name, email, etc., then scroll down to the calendar. Pick a day, and what you'd like to do. You can meet and connect with other people.

**Quilt Sale Room** - Ann has the Quilt Sales Room form if anyone needs one. They will take finished or unfinished quilts or projects. The only rule is that it cannot compete with the Boutique or any vendor.

**Quilt of Valor** – Randy Powers – Last Friday we presented 9 beautiful quilts. We presented to a 95-year-old, He lives with his daughter and son-in-law. He said, "Do not help me up the steps!". Tomorrow, Randy is being escorted onto the base here at Jacksonville. He will be presenting to a Lieutenant that served. She'll be presented with a beautiful quilt at the hospital. We have another one to present next Tuesday. That will be 12 quilts coming up.

**Road Trip** – Ellen Cannon – mark your calendar! Road trip on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to Oceans of Thread in Deland, FL. We'll meet at 9 am at the Target on San Jose (by Publix) at I295. There is also Carol's Quilt Shop further down HWY 17 in Deltona. It's about 15-20 minutes past Deland.

We'll talk more about it at the July General Meeting.

**Sit-n-Stitch** – LeighAnn McGuigan – There are two Sit-n-Stitch in June. One on the 23rd and one on the 30th. And another one on July 14 – bring friends, they can join us.

**Ways and Means** – Trisha Gros – 50/50 raffle. We collected \$111.00 today. The winner is Trish Egbert.

**Extended Show and Tell** – Pat D'Elia - 20 quilters showed us their quilts.

President Delia Bright –

Next Board Meeting will be July 7, 2025

Next General Meeting will be July 21, 2026

President Delia called the meeting adjourned at 11:39 am

Respectfully submitted

Angela Moore

Recording Secretary