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The All Star **Gazette**

March 2025 **Meeting Dates**

- March 3** **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am. Members are welcome to attend.
- March 10** **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – noon. Setup 9:30.
- March 17** **General Meeting.** 10:00 am. Social Time 9:30 am.
Program – “Modern Marvels” A look at Modern Quilting presented by
the Jacksonville Modern Quilt Guild. (page 6)
- March 24** **Class.** 10:00 am. *Many Trips* with Sunnie Malesky. Similar to Bargello –
Beginners to Advanced.

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

March 17, 2025 **Meeting Notes**

- Library Book Sale.** Books for ONE dollar each! Fantastic deals. (page 2)
- Food Bank Collection.** Drop-off before the meeting. For current needs see page 4.
- Brown Bag Challenge.** Bags are ready for pickup!
All finished quilts donated to charity. (page 4)
- Fabric Table** is back in March and includes more than just fabric! (page 6)
- Spring Retreat Signup** for the May 14 – 16 Retreat. Cost is \$75.00. (page 5)
- 50/50 Raffle** – Buy tickets for a chance to take home some extra cash. (page 7)

Classes 2025

- March 24** **Many Trips** (Sunnie Malesky)
- April 14** **Tri-Axial Weaving** (Sondie Frus)
Fabric weaving to resemble Tumbling Blocks.
- May 12** **Stack and Whack** (Ranie Manning) Beginners to Advanced.
- June 9** **Stashbuster** (Mary Jeanine Ibarguen) Pattern to be voted on in April.
- July 28** **Paper Piecing** (Gloria Hart) Beginners to Advanced.
- Sept 29** **Christmas Tree Skirt** (Mary Anne Dennis) Beginners to Advanced.

See page 8 for more information on individual classes.

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Challenge Quilt 2025: “One Size Fits All”

The theme of this year’s challenge is very simple. **Make a quilt 36” x 36” square.** That’s it! It may be whole cloth, pieced, appliquéd, or any other technique you want. In the past, the size requirement has been more of a suggestion, but since the size is the only requirement, we will adhere to 36” x 36”, with only very slight variation. I realize that a quilt that starts out 36’ x 36” may shrink a bit when it is quilted, but not much. So beware! A tape measure will be in use!

The big reveal will be at the July meeting. We will vote on our favorites and the top three winners will each receive \$40 gift cards from Cinnamon’s. Happy Quilting!

-Vicki Zoller

Library News: BIG Sale – Books for \$1.00



The library will be open at the March meeting. So, if you have taken out books, please return them. I find the longer materials hang around my house, the more likely I am to misplace them.

We have a new book to add this month: Modern Patchwork by Elizabeth Hartman. You may be familiar with Elizabeth Hartman’s charming animal patterns. These patterns are modern, as the title says, and range from circles, ovals, strips, and rectangles to bird houses. Some are very easy but eye-catching. Some are challenging. Any of the designs would make a great quilt. Many could probably be sized to 36” x 36” for the Challenge. Just sayin’!

Please bring your dollars bills to shop the big book sale. Many of our Guild members have been most generous to donate their like-new books for sale. You will find books about everything from bags to pincushions to machine quilting designs to art quilts to traditional designs. Just \$1.00 a book for so much inspiration and eye candy!

The sale will take place **before** the meeting starts. I will organize the books as best I can into categories to make it easy for you to find a treasure. Happy Shopping!

-Vicki Zoller

All Star Quilters’ Guild General Meeting Minutes February 17, 2025

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

Delia asked if there were any corrections or changes to the January General Meeting Minutes, there were none. Gloria Hart made a motion to approve the minutes, Terri Chamberlain seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Delia introduced Passion Projects: Individual community service groups. The guild members spearheading each Passion Project will be given 2 minutes to introduce their project and ask for support from the guild members.

Treasurer – Martha Hann

The opening balance was \$14,243.31, income totaled \$5297.00, expenses totaled \$999.25, the ending balance was \$18,541.06.

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Harper

Linda stated that last year she sent out 37 cards. To date (17 Feb 2025) this year there have already been 15 cards sent.

Outgoing Officers: Sherry Verell, Raney Manning, Sharon Tomore and Donna Caldarise

Other Cards to: Lynne McCrork, Sharon Tomore, Sherry Verell, Candy Schladt, Jane Flesher, Joanne Davenport, Stacy Wilson, Sue Blythe.

Community Service - Joann Davenport

Food Bank will be collecting donations at the March General meeting and are asking for items that Food Stamps will not buy. Items that are small and will fit into a bag.

Hospitality – Elfriede Echt

Elfriede thanked the members that provided snacks for our February General meeting.

Membership – Susan Sharpe

We have 150 members including 2 new members, Renee Stein and Teresa Paglioni.

Quilts of Valor – Randy Powers

Randy gave out one Quilt of Valor last month and shared a very touching recount of his visit with this gentleman.

Winter/Spring Retreat

The winter retreat in Luther Springs began today, 17 Feb 2025. The members heading to the retreat right after the Feb 17 General Meeting were very excited.

Free Table

It's back! There were lots of goodies – 3 tables full!

Show and Tell

12 members shared their quilts. Seven members shared their Past & Present quilts. Two members shared the Fidget quilts they made.

Education Classes – Jill Kelly

March 24, 2025

Many Trips, presented by Sunnie Malesky

Similar to Bargello, suitable for anyone from beginners to advanced.

April 14, 2025

Tri-Axial Weaving, presented by Sondie Frus

Fabric weaving to resemble Tumbling Blocks.

July 28, 2025

Paper Piecing, presented by Gloria Hart. Beginners to advanced.

September 29, 2025

Christmas Tree Skirt, presented by Mary Anne Dennis. Beginners to advanced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next Board meeting is March 3, 2025. The next General Meeting is March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted

Angela Moore, Recording Secretary

Website and Facebook

Be sure to visit the Allstar website for pictures, instructions and all sorts of useful info! ([Allstar quilters guild](http://Allstarquiltersguild.com)).

In other social media news, we have a new FACEBOOK page, a PRIVATE page just for All Star members - ([Allstar Quilters Chatter](https://www.facebook.com/AllstarQuiltersChatter)) and click the "Join" button. You will need to answer a few questions and after confirming your membership, your request will be approved. 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!

Our new email is INFO@ALLSTARQUILTERS.ORG. Messages received will be forwarded to the proper committee, person, etc.

-Jenny Chambless



Community Service

2025 Mystery Bag Challenge – Pick up a brown paper Mystery Bag at the March General Meeting and make a quilt for Community Service with the contents! Add more fabric, omit some...it's your choice! Each bag has at least enough fabric for a small quilt, maybe even the back. Batting provided by request from Community Service. You have until October to complete the quilt and then we'll do a BIG Show & Tell!

Food Bank – March is Food Bank Month.

Mandarin Food Bank is requesting SOAPS of all kinds be donated i.e., Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, etc., and toilet paper. Cash or checks are also welcome.

Fabric Table – Fabric taken for community service quilts is **FREE** to guild members. And we provide batting for community service quilts to members as well. Just reach out to Joann Davenport or Sharon Buquo with the size batting you need and we'll get it to you at the next Guild meeting.

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

Thank you

-Joann Davenport

Historian

February 1998 - 32 visitors and 2 guests attended the monthly meeting. Many of the members were working on Hawaiian applique blocks. The play, "The Quilters" was presented at JU by the Campus Ministry.

- Sandy Onsager

Hospitality

A big "Thank You" to these members for providing refreshments for the March 17 meeting –

Healthy - **Cyndie Cambell**

Decadent Chocolate - **Liz Staley**

Savory - **Linda McClelland**

Your specialty treat - **Michael Martiss**

Sweet or salty - **Deb Frain**

Fruit/Veggie tray - **Patti Sanders**

2 liter diet drinks (2) - **Evelyn Leddy**

2 liter drinks (2) - **Sandy Onsager**

-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.

Supplies Needed!!

Batting is still needed for dog and cat quilts for donation to No More Homeless Pets and ACPS. **Mary Anne needs batting ("semi" large) and old quilted mattress pads.** What a great time to replace your old mattress pad and donate it to a worthy cause. Bring your donations to Mary Anne Dennis at the March 17 meeting.

Spring Retreat

Spring Retreat is quickly approaching. The dates for this year will be May 14th, 15th and 16th. The cost will be \$75.00. We will begin registrations at the March general meeting. The place will be Mandarin Methodist Church, same as last year. The hours are 8 AM to 6 PM. Any questions please contact Ellen Cannon or Priscilla Roehm.

-Ellen Cannon



Have you ever been to a fabric warehouse? We are planning a road trip to Quilted Twins. I know some of you have been. I am sure some would like to go and some would like to go back. This warehouse is in Dade City, about three hours from Jacksonville.

Three hours is a long way to drive, shop, and drive back home. I talked to the owners of the shop and there is a Hampton Inn very close. So, it will be up to you if you do it all in one day or spend the night and visit a couple of other quilt shops on the way home. I was told 90% of the fabric is \$6.99 a yard and some even \$5.99 a yard. Wide backs \$12.99 a yard. Thousands of bolts of fabric and hundreds of panels. Be sure to be at the March meeting for more information about our trip.

Start talking to your quilting buddies and get your seats filled 😊

-Ellen Cannon

Featured Quilter – Michael Martiss

Michael is originally from a small Polish town in Michigan called Hamtrack, and he remained there until a few years ago, when he moved to live in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale area at his employer's request. His employer was Frank's Nursery & Crafts for 21 years, but they are no longer in business.



Now Michael makes his home in Saint Johns.

Michael's entry into quilting is interesting. He had just had hernia surgery and was recuperating at home when he watched a quilting show on HGTV, and thought to himself "I can make that quilt". He gathered the needed supplies and he made it, but not without a few re-do's. He still has his first quilt and you will see it at the March guild meeting. It is a pineapple quilt using 2,700 pieces. He first used batting that was 2" thick, and after it was finished, he realized his mistake, and took the quilt apart and used normal quilt batting.

Michael sold 4 quilts at QuiltFest last September! Michael has now been quilting about 25 years. He attended a recent Sit & Sew, and learned how to make fidget quilts.

Other interests involve volunteering at the Mandarin Garden Center, and being a part of an African Violet Guild.

Something most folks don't know about Michael is that he worked as a hospital technician in the Cardiac and Operating Departments for 5-6 years. Other than that, his career has always been in retail sales.

-Linda Marsh

Programs

March - "Modern Marvels." Four modern Quilters will present their works for your enjoyment. They are Erica Dodge, Robbie Knapik, Joan Delony, and Janel Bendis. This group was pulled together by Candi Lennox, an award winning Modern Quilter and past president of the Jacksonville Modern Quilt Guild. She did a presentation on modern quilting awhile back. Feel free to ask them questions.

April - Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen from the Orlando area is coming to show us a variety of quilts. She will be teaching a class for us in June and will allow us to pick what we want to learn from her. She has been a teacher/lecturer for many years and is the editor of the Florida Quilt Network Newsletter. She is dynamic and enthusiastic. Check out her videos on YouTube.

May - Our own Julie Mainor will present a selection of her quilts and fiber art. Julie was an All Star many years ago and we lovingly called her "Julie from Yulee". She had a brief hiatus, but has rejoined and travels from Sanford to be with us. You are sure to enjoy her presentation.

-Pat D'Elia

Fabric Table

The fabric table is back and better than ever. For the March 17, meeting, there will be more than just fabric! All kinds of sewing notions and fun sewing things.

QuiltFest News

"QuiltFest 2025" is in process. The dates are September 18-20th, 2025. It will again be held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville. This year's theme is "Color our World" and is sponsored by the River City Piecemakers Guild that meets in the Arlington area of Jacksonville.

Registration of quilts begins April 1 and will be open until July 25th. You have until early September to have your entry ready to turn in. At this time all guild members should be working on their quilt entries, and making items for the silent auction, the boutique and the quilt sale room. It'll be here sooner than you think.

-Pat D'Elia, QuiltFest Rep

What is a 50/50 Raffle?

A 50/50 raffle works just like any other raffle where participants purchase tickets for a chance to win a prize if their ticket is drawn.

The difference is with a 50/50 raffle, the prize is half of the gross proceeds (the amount raised through ticket sales). For example, if you sold 200 tickets at \$1 each (\$200 jackpot), your organization retains half of the proceeds (\$100) and the winner takes home the other half (\$100). A Win Win!

The cost of tickets at the March 17, 2025 meeting will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be available to buy before the meeting and the drawing will be during the meeting.

100% of this sale will be donated to the All Star Guild

For Sale. 1998 Husqvarna-Viking Designer Series 1 sewing and embroidery machine. It comes with all original accessories neatly organized, memory stick, extra books, motifs. It has been tested the sewing capability and it sews sweet!

\$555.00 is a donation to the guild!

Has trade-in value! Contact Trisha C. (Vays & Means) at trisgros@me.com

Patty Wallace says: Hey check this out: <https://www.quiltersreview.com/husqvarna-viking-designer-i-embroidery-sewing-machine/>

Model launched in 1998. This one comes with full complement of feet, instructions, embroidery hoop, rigid cover, design motifs. It's been tested and sews like a dream!



Education

March 24

Sunnie Malesky presents Many Trips. Similar to Bargello, suitable for anyone from beginners to advance. Sign ups at the March Meeting. Cost: \$10.00

April 14

Sondie Frus presents Tri-axial Weaving. Fabric weaving to resemble Tumbling Blocks, suitable for anyone from beginners to advanced. Sign ups begin at the March Meeting. Cost: \$15.00 plus purchase of tool.

May 12

Ranie Manning presents Stack and Whack. Suitable for beginners to advanced. Sign ups begin at the March Meeting.

June 9

Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen presents Stashbuster. Project will be chosen at the April meeting program which she is presenting. Sign ups will begin at the April Meeting.

July 28

Gloria Hart presents Paper Piecing Suitable for beginners to advanced. Sign ups will begin at the April Meeting. Cost is \$15.00 and that includes pattern.

September 29

Mary Anne Dennis will present A Christmas Tree Skirt. Suitable for beginners to advanced. Sign ups will begin at the May Meeting.

Be sure to get your Supply List when you sign up for a class.



Editor's Note: Any 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. In addition to the newsletter, members can advertise on the All Star Chatter Face Book page for immediate posting. -Thank you.

Quiltfest Challenge Packet

For this year. Includes all fabrics as packaged and covers your quilt entry fee for the show. \$20 cash. Contact Sunnie at sunsky@comcast.net

Sewing Machines, Cabinets, Treadles and Leg Irons

A wide variety of collectibles available for viewing at the storage unit. Contact LeighAnn McGuigan at kennelqueen@gmail.com to set up appointment.

Janome Sewist 521

Barely used (was my mother's). Includes even feed foot (open-toe) and clear Little Foot snap on, both in original packages. No manual. \$75. Call/text Carol Gilliland 904-616-4428.

Brother Innovis 4000D embroidery/sewing machine

Great condition.

Includes 2 cases, 4 hoops and manual.

Asking \$1,200.

Nena Bird. Text 904-923-3311.



Table Top Handi-Quilter

Needs a new home! Only \$150. Comes with: Carriage and handles, Original Bill of Sale, Instructional video and CD. Use with a domestic home machine or straight stitch.

Contact Fran Flowers 904-557-8835.

Q'nique Longarm with Frame

Tired of quilting those big quilts on your little machine? Have I got a great deal for you.

I have a Q'nique 19 by Grace. It's about 5 years old, (which in longarm life it's young). It has a built-in bobbin winder (M size bobbins) with 19 inches of throat space for larger quilt blocks. Adjustable handles have program buttons you can use straight from the handles.

It comes with a 10' Continium II metal frame and leader cloths with red snapper system. It has ruler foot and base, open toe foot, and a micro-stippling foot. A brand new still in the box, battery backup system; groovy boards used for Panto* (which I never used); quilt clips; needles; channel locks; manual for both machine and frame; and color screen with all tools that came with the machine.

Stitch count on the machine is 9704660. The machine is set up at my house just give me a call if you want to see it. Barbara Lumpiesz Text or call 904-476-3903.

Asking \$8,000 or best offer.

**I do have the equipment to do Panto's from the front, but never figured out how to use it. I can show you where you can look and you might be able to figure it out.*



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.**

Membership

Seventy-three members attended the General Meeting February 17, 2025, at First Christian Church (Other members went straight to the Winter Retreat at Luther Springs). We had nine guests and **two new members, Renée Stein and Terri Paglione**. All Star Quilters' Guild now has 149 recorded members.

If you have not picked up your new directory, please be sure to ask for it when you sign in. Thank you.

-Susan Sharp; Sheron Walser; Bobbie Redshaw

Raffle Quilt 2025

"Selvage Star"



2025 Officers and Committee Contacts

President	Delia Bright
Vice President/Programs	Pat D'Elia
Recording Secretary/Calendar	Angela Moore
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Harper
Treasurer	Martha Hann
Challenge 2025	Vicki Zoller
Community Service	Joann Davenport
Education	Jill Kelly
Equipment Manager	Valerie Bouffard
Facebook (public page)	Stacy Wilson
Facebook (Allstar Chatter)	Jenny Chambless
Fall Retreat	Sharon Tomore and Sherry Verell
Featured Quilter	Linda Marsh
Historian	Sandy Onsager
Hospitality	Elfreide Echt
Library	Vicki Zoller
Membership	Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw
Newsletter	Jane Flesher
Publicity	Sondie Frus
Quilt Mother 2025	Mary Ann Dennis
QuiltFest	Pat D'Elia, Ellen Cannon, Deb Frain, Susan Sharpe, Veronica Potter, and Sondie Frus
Quilts of Valor	Samantha Howell
Raffle Tickets	Deborah Pearce
Road Trip	Ellen Cannon, Pris Roehm
Show and Tell	Karen Duffy
Sit and Stitch	Leigh Ann McGuigan
Spring Retreat	Ellen Cannon, Pris Roehm
Treasure Table	Shirley Carpenter
Ways and Means	Trisha Gros
Website – Eblasts	Jenny Chambless
Winter Retreat	Ellen Cannon, Pris Roehm

Thank you to all members who volunteer to make this guild a success!
