

The All Star **GAZETTE**

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Meeting at: First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223

Newsletter deadline: Midnight of the first Monday each month

Guild Officers and Chairs: contact info on the website [HERE](#)

CALENDAR events are held on Monday unless otherwise noted

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4 Board Meeting & Newsletter deadline

11 Sit & Stitch 10--4

18 General Meeting: 10 AM Some history of the guild

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FEBRUARY

1 Board meeting and newsletter deadline

8 Sit & Stitch: 10--noon

15 General meeting: 10 AM TBA

22 Class: Attic Windows 10--4

MARCH

1 Board meeting & Newsletter deadline

8 TBA

15 General meeting: 10AM TBA & Sewing Room Sale

22 TBA

29 TBA

PAT'S POST

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL STARS!

It's going to be a good one, if I have anything to say about it. We are gearing up to get back to business.

Programs are planned, classes being scheduled and fundraisers plotted.

Meetings will be in-person and on Zoom until further notice. Come back when you feel you are ready.

New folks are working hard in their new capacities. Please give them your cooperation and encouragement. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and taken on a board position. We are a team and it is OUR guild.

If you are planning to renew your membership and haven't as yet, please visit the website and rejoin.

The deadline for being in the guild directory is January 15th.

There is a lot of fun and activity ahead. Be sure to check out the calendar. Be sure to thoroughly read the newsletter. Be sure to participate in All Stars. WHERE EVERYONE CAN SHINE.

Pat D'Elia
Guild President

All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Guild President Kathi Thompson at 10:05 AM. There were 28 members present at the church and 17 members joined via Zoom. All Covid19 safety precautions were observed.

The minutes of the November 16, 2020 Guild meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Ellen Cannon reported that as of November 30, 2020, the balance in the Guild's VyStar account

was \$13,663.91. Income for the period totaled \$273.00, and expenses totaled \$231.19.

● Projected expenses for 2021 include the following:

- \$1,000.00 to be given to Renewing Dignity in 2021
- \$2,500.00 to the church
- \$150.00 for Zoom membership (not previously projected in the 2021 budget)

Members present at the meeting approved the \$150.00 expenditure for Zoom membership.

Community Service - Mindy Ashby

Mindy reported the following totals for the Guild's community service activities to date.

PedsCare 40 quilts 16 pillowcases daniel 34 quilts 13 pillowcases Safe Harbor 11 quilts 5 pillowcases Hart Felt Ministries 97 quilts 7 pillowcases 67 Christmas socks \$265 cash

St. Augustine VA home 7 fidget quilts Mandarin Food Bank \$2,390 in food and/or cash donations.

The total value of quilt donations, cash and food donations totals \$27,265.00 for the year.

The fabric sale netted \$124.00, but \$213.00 was spent on batting for charity quilts.

Mindy thanked Guild members who quilted the charity quilts: Betty Ann Agnew, Delia Bright, Pat D'Elia and Mable Holliman. She also thanked Sharon Buquo, Donna Caldarise and June Daniels who also assisted with community service projects.

Education - Kathi Thompson

Outgoing Guild president Kathi Thompson reported that she will be serving as Education Chair for 2021. She displayed a sample of an Attic Windows quilt that will be taught as a class by Lori from Scrappy Rooster on February 22, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost of the class will be \$10.00. Materials needed include one panel and three half-yards of coordinating fabric.

Kathi stated that there are five Mondays in March, and she is working on plans for a class for that fifth Monday.

Margie Engel has canceled her class. Refunds will be issued, and the class will be rescheduled to a later date.

Membership - Lisa Anderson

Lisa reported that 94 members have renewed, and there are three new members. There are 28 people at the in-person portion of today's meeting. Door prizes were won by Sue Abbey and Angie Moore.

The winner of the November early bird renewal drawing was Pris Roehm. In order to be included in the December early bird renewal drawing, renewals must be in by December 31. For members' information to be included in the Membership Book, all renewals need to be received by January 15, 2021. Dues payments should be sent directly to Susan Sharpe. Susan Sharpe and June Daniels will be Membership Co-chairs for 2021.

Newsletter - Sunnie Malesky

Kathi read an email from Sunnie who will be the newsletter editor in 2021. Sunnie outlined her plans for 2021 and asked for ideas and suggestions for the newsletter from members.

- In response to requests from several members, a block of the month will appear in each newsletter. Each block will be related to the month in some way but not necessarily meant to be put together with any of the other months
- The newsletter will contain a Marketplace section where members may advertise items for sale. Members will be asked to limit sale items to three and to indicate whether the item is free or not. If there will be a charge, the cost should be included. Items listed should include the best contact number for the seller.
- The newsletter will continue to include the Guild calendar.

Starting in January 2021, articles for the newsletter should be sent to Sunnie.

Sit 'n Stitch - Sherry Verell

There will be Sit 'n Stitch activities on December 28, January 11 and January 25. The January 25 meeting will include instructions for making name tag holders. The pattern will appear in the newsletter.

UFOs - Mary Anne Dennis

We will start showing completed UFOs in February. UFOs include anything started before December 31, 2019 and must be finished projects. No projects started in 2020 will be included.

Ways and Means and Road Trips - Pat D'Elia

Pat reported that Ellen Cannon will take over as Ways and Means Chair in 2021. Any suggestions for Ways and Means projects should be given to Ellen.

Because of Covid19, road trips currently are on hold.

Program

Members brought gift bags containing the following:

- Samples of Christmas cookies
- Recipe for the cookies
- An inspirational saying
- A quilting-related gift valued at \$5.00 to \$7.00
- Chocolate

Each attendee at the meeting was given a numbered ticket, and members were paired up by the numbers on the tickets. This gave members an opportunity to get acquainted with someone in the guild that they had not met before.

At the conclusion of the program, a \$300 gift certificate for Scrappy Rooster was presented to outgoing president Kathi Thompson in recognition of her service to the Guild over the past two years.

Installation of Guild Officers for 2021

The following Guild members were installed as Guild officers for 2021:

President Pat D'Elia

Vice President Linda Wilson

Treasurer Ellen Ford

Recording Secretary Linda Marsh

Corresponding Secretary Elaine Brett

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

The next Guild meeting will be held at the church on Monday, January 18. All Covid19 safety precautions will be observed.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Wilson

Sew 'n Tell (addendum to Minutes)

The following members showed their projects

● Kathi Thompson

- Quilts made after attending a Gwen Marston retreat in Michigan
- One quilt made entirely of solid-colored fabric
- One quilt made of odd-sized blocks

● Pat D'Elia

- Two completed applique wall hangings - a Christmas tree and a snowman

● Mary Ann Dennis

- Two red, white and blue corduroy quilts
- A corduroy Christmas quilt

● Sharon Buquo

- A peach and teal quilt - this was Sharon's first try at free motion quilting.
- Two quilts made of strips. Sharon called these quilts "bar code" quilts because they look like bar codes on packages.

- Quilt made with eagle fabrics. Mable Holliman did the quilting.
- A king size maroon and blue quilt. Delia Bright quilted the quilt for Sharon.
- A pinwheel quilt started at Retreat three years ago.
- A blue and white quilt
- A quilt made with leftovers from a class taught by Betty Ann Agnew. Sharon had an orphan block that she worked into the design of the quilt.
- A small quilt made from leftover fabric from the king size maroon and blue quilt.
- A Christmas quilt called “Ode to Christmas.”
- A peacock quilt. The quilting was done by Betty Ann Agnew.
- **Sheron Walser**
- Christmas quilt made using a panel
- Gnome quilt
- Christmas quilt with “Jingle All the Way” theme
- **Linda Marsh**
- A scrap quilt using an antique pattern found on YouTube.
- **Angie Moore**
- A blue panel quilt

CHALLENGE 2021

I generally announce the Guild Challenge in January so here goes. The 2021 Challenge is . . . the same as the 2020 Challenge! That Challenge is Pick A Card. 38 people took cards for the Challenge. I hope a lot of you have your quilts made, just waiting for the reveal. My quilt is ready to go.

When will the reveal be? That is still to be determined. As soon as a date is set, I will let you know. In the meantime, if you have forgotten what card you chose all those months ago, just email me and I will let you know. If you want to get in on the Challenge, email me, and I will pick a card for you.

Happy Quilting,
Vicki

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and now we prepare for a new year. Not much will change for our quilt turn-in policy. I ask that the quilt is finished when you bring it to me. I do have batting and I can bring specific cuts to the meetings when requested. I will plan on a drive by to collect quilts and Mandarin food bank items in March.

Thank you, Mindy Ashby

This is an annoying blank page. Please ignore it. It should be gone by next month.

Education

The Attic Windows workshop is Mon. Feb. 22 from 10-4. You may set up at 9:30. Everyone will have a separate table according to the guidelines. You must wear a mask. Bring a lunch. Picture is the finished attic window sample.

Supplies:

sewing machine and supplies
1 panel
three 1/2 yd. coordinating fabrics

CLASS IS NOW FULL!



Equipment

Our new equipment manager is Kenny Mehl.

Historian

Mary Anne Dennis and Sunnie Malesky have recently donated many newsletters that were missing from my inventory. When the previous ASQG website was no longer in use, I lost the option to retrieve missing newsletters that had been posted from approximately 2008 through 2019. To avoid that happening again, the electronic newsletters will be saved on CD's in addition to being posted on our website.

If any of you can provide me with copies of the remaining missing newsletters it would be appreciated.

Feb 2001—May 2001; Dec. 2007; Jan. 2008—July 2008; May 2010; Jan. 2011; July 2017—Dec. 2017

Sandy Onsager

Hospitality

We are hospitable, but not sharing refreshments during COVID precautions.

Library

No report

Membership

Effective January 4, 2021, the All Star Quilters' Guild (ASQG) will be shining brightly with 111 members and the promise of more on the way.

The deadline to be listed in the ASQG 2021 Directory is January 15, 2021. It is by that date the completed membership form and dues of \$25.00 must be received (\$27.00 if you would like to receive your directory by mail) . Please use the following address to send them in:

All Star Quilters' Guild, Inc
P.O. Box 23772
Jacksonville, FL 32241-3772
Attn: Membership

For a Membership form click [HERE](#)

June Daniels and I will be sharing membership responsibilities, so you can alert either or both of us to issues or to ask questions. We are looking forward to a great year; one that allows everyone to attend meetings in person.

Susan Sharpe
June Daniels

Program

Happy New Year everyone. I hope everyone is well and coping with this strange new lifestyle we are living.

We are glad that the Guild is able to begin meeting again, both in person and via Zoom. We are observing all the precautions for social distancing to be sure that all attendees at Guild meetings remain safe and healthy.

As I begin my job as Vice President of the Guild for 2021, I am working on programs for the year. At the January 18 Guild meeting we will have a brief program about the history of the Guild – from its initial formation to the present day. I will include pictures of some of the winning quilts members have entered in QuiltFest and other information about our Guild. All Star Quilters' Guild has a lot to be proud of, especially our dedication to community service. More about that on the 18th.

Because of Covid there are limitations on what programs we can offer, but I am planning programs on antique quilts and (hopefully) modern quilts. We also plan to have a sewing room auction in the fall (if things are beginning to get back to normal), with Bruce from Scrappy Rooster in Kingsland, GA, acting as our auctioneer. We also hope to be able to present the quilts from the Guild challenge and 12 x 12 quilts.

I also would like to solicit input from Guild members on programs they would like to see at Guild meetings. Please send me an email at:

kandsmom1959@gmail.com
with your suggestions.

Linda Wilson

QuiltFest

May 13—15, 2021 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center

Sit & Stitch

In January we will meet on the 11th and the 25th.

We will be making name tag holders on the 25th. Watch for the pattern in the January newsletter. It would be great if you come and make a name tag holder if you are a new member and don't have one yet.

In February we will meet on the 8th .

We begin gathering at 9:30, and Sit N Stitch runs from 10:00 til noon. Hope to see you there!
Sherry Verell

Ways & Means

Sewing Room Sale

Are you ready to clean out your sewing room and make room for new “stuff”? I certainly am.

We are looking at our first outdoor sewing room sale before the April general meeting.

If COVID is a LOT better we can have it indoors but if still not comfortable we will have the sale outside. Tables will be moved out front and set up there. No need to worry about someone bothering your stuff during the meeting, we already have volunteers to be “guards”.

Start gathering and pricing, April will be here before you know it.

Sign up will begin in March!

Happy New Year!

Ellen Cannon

Other Activities

ROAD TRIPS: on hold due to COVID

UFO 2021

I'm sure many of you may have all your UFO's done because of so much time spent at home this year BUT if you are a bit of a procrastinator like me (still have over 30 on my list) we are challenging you to work a little harder to finally complete some of those projects that have been under cover or on the bottom shelf.

To qualify for the challenge:

The project/quilt must have been started before 12/31/19 (started or finished in 2020 does not qualify)

It must be finished all the way to the binding (No quilt tops)

Must turn in your list before presenting to UFO show and tell to qualify

Items such as place mats, etc should be done in pairs or sets of 4

If a dual project it will qualify as one

May start showing at January 18th meeting , last showing Dec. 20th 2021.

Prizes will be awarded for most projects completed and a general drawing (each project completed will qualify for that drawing)
Prizes will be awarded at general meeting Jan.17,2022.

When you complete your entry forms please describe project with name of quilt, block design, colors, etc. also note what inspired you to make the project like a class, birth of child, gift, etc. Tell us when you actually started cutting and sewing.
Click [HERE](#) to get the form, or find in on the website under More, then Forms.

Please make a copy for yourself (or take a photo on your phone).

If you are a repeat UFOer like me I still have all your forms/lists you turned in for the UFO challenge for 2019.

If you would like to help me, please call me or text me at 904-705-5194.
Mary Anne Dennis

Featured Quilter: may return next month

NEWS & IDEAS

From Trish E.

I have made a New Year's resolution to actually count the number of quilts I finish in a year. I have tried in other years to do this, and never made it the whole twelve months. So I have come up with a new way to count. When I finish a quilt, completely done, label and all, I will cut a 10" square of fabric left over from that quilt. Fabric can be from anywhere in the quilt. I usually have sizable scraps from the backing, at the least, left over. At the end of the year, I will have a layer cake! The number of squares will be the number of quilts I have finished. And the resulting squares will provide a challenge for making a quilt in 2022! It would be nice to actually succeed at a resolution one year!

Congratulations to Ronnie P.! She won the raffle quilt made by Betty Ann A. for the Gingerbread Extravaganza. Click [HERE](#) to see it! The star quilt was designed by Sunnie M. You may recognize the pattern as one of our guild raffle quilts.

LOOKING FOR: Recommendations for sewing machine repairs, especially Featherweights and Brothers. Please send to the newsletter editor to share with the guild.

MARKETPLACE

You may briefly list 2--3 items to sell, give away or trade. Include your name and best way to be contacted. Listings may be edited and transactions are the sole responsibility of the people involved. Quilting for Hire can be found on the website [HERE](#).

FREE SEWING MACHINE TABLE: approx. 20 x 44 completely flat, with 3.25 wide opening for free arm on section that swings up; collapsible legs; heavy duty! Contact Sunnie at sunsky@comcast.net

BLOCK of the MONTH

Each month we'll have a different 12" pattern. Being the same size, they can go together in a sampler style at the year's end, if you desire. Look for a quilt pattern with a setting that is the size, sashing, etc. you want (magazines are a great source!), and base your yardage needs on that, whether you use 1 repeated, or any combo of the 12 patterns, or more blocks.

Fabric Ideas:

- Blocks separated by sashing make great **scrap quilts**. The sash gives the quilt unity, so the blocks can be as different as your scrap basket allows.
- Each block has no more than 4 values, so you will need a **Dark, Medium, Light, and one other**. Feel free to trade the placement of values in any block (be sure to write the change on the pattern so the diagram doesn't fool you later!).

There is **NO YARDAGE OR CUTTING CHART for an entire quilt**.

Directions are for rotary cutting, and some blocks have options for construction.

Please feel free to ask questions at any time, or come to Sit & Stitch for personal guidance!

TIPS FOR TRIANGLES

- 1) Be sure to sew the correct side of the triangle to another piece. All the triangles will have one long side and 2 short sides.
- 2) The bias grain (stretchy) edge is different according to how the triangles are cut, and they must be handled gently. All directions show cutting a square first, then dividing it. The sides of the square are always the straight grain (not stretchy).
- 3) When sewing 2 shapes together, match them in the center of the seam...fold and finger-press a mark or use a pencil in the seam allowance. Many triangles have points that hang out beyond the other piece.
- 4) Press each seam before adding another piece.
- 5) When adding a third piece to a unit, sew with the triangle UP so you can see where the seams cross...that is the triangle's point and your needle should barely miss it on the seam allowance side.
- 6) Near the end of the seam the points really want to wander! Hold that seam allowance in place with a stiletto, scissors tip or other item!

SQUARING UP THE UNITS OR BLOCKS

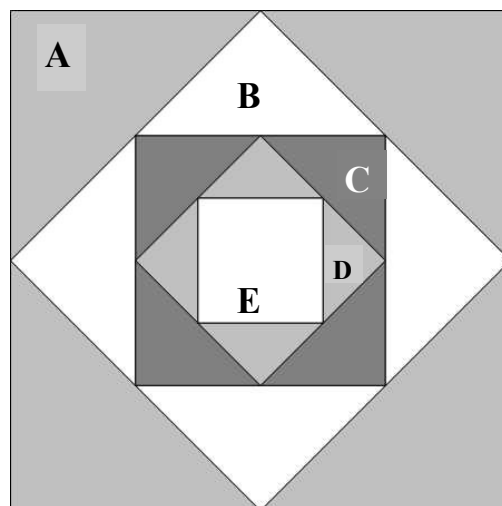
Divide the Unfinished (raw edges) size (so it includes the seam allowance) by 2 . That is the correct measurement from the center of the block to the raw edge.

Lay that ruler line on the center of the block. Whatever hangs over can be trimmed:

....**IF** it doesn't cut off a point or the seam allowance!....check seams, re-sew if needed to keep 1/4" seam allowance beyond the point.

.....**IF** the edge is too short, check seams and re-sew as needed, or re-press.

You need to check all four sides.



JANUARY BOM: Square in a Square

Finished block 12"

Cut pieces carefully.

Two squares cut diagonally equals the 4 triangles needed.

B is 1 square cut into 4 triangles.

SCANT 1/4" seam allowance is required!

A) Corner Triangles: cut 2—7" squares. Cut each in half on the diagonal. These are cut slighter larger so you will trim the raw block to 12 1/2" when done. Maybe.

B) Point to Sides Triangles: Cut 1—7 1/4" squares. Cut twice on the diagonal like an X.

C) Middle Triangles: Cut 2—3 7/8" squares. Cut each on the diagonal.

D) Center Triangles: cut 2 —4 1/4" squares. Cut each in half on the diagonal.

E) Center Square: 3 1/2"

Start sewing in the center. Add D triangles to opposite sides of the square, then add the other 2 triangles. Repeat for each size. **To measure as you go along:** E +D is 4 3/4

E/D + C is 6 1/2" After the Bs it is 9"

With As the block is 12 1/2 " unfinished (raw edges).

Easy Name Holder

FIRST get creative with your name. You will need a tag approximately 3" X 5" and you should be able to trim it to fit your holder. Print your name on paper or fabric. Hand or machine embroider it. Stamp it. Draw it. Even stickers will work. Use your imagination! Hold onto this name tag.

SECOND gather your supplies. Your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Also:

6 pieces of fabric at least 6" X 8" each

2 WOF strips 2-1/2" wide

1 piece of transparent vinyl 3" X 5". I will have these available.

Wonder clips. I strongly recommend these as you will be sewing many layers together.

1 piece interfacing 6" X 8"

Matching or neutral thread

THIRD prepare your pieces.

Sandwich the interfacing between two pieces of fabric wrong sides together.

For the base, cut to 5-1/4" X 7". Pin these together and set aside.

Place another 2 pieces of fabric wrong sides together. Cut to 5-1/4" wide X

4-1/2 long". Mark a dot 3-3/4" inches up from bottom on right 4-1/2" side.

Place your ruler at top left side and the dot. Trim off the triangle. This will

be the outer pocket. Pin these together and set aside.

For the center pocket, place the last two 6" X 8" pieces of fabric wrong sides

together. Cut to 5-1/4" wide and 6-1/2" long. Mark a dot on the left long

side at 5" up from the bottom. Place your ruler at top right side and the dot.

Trim off the triangle. Pin these together and set aside.

FOURTH prepare the binding using the 2-1/2 strips.

Fold each in half to 1-1/4" width and press. Be sure to cut off the selvages.

Cut three 6" lengths from one strip. These will bind the top of the base and

the pockets. Using a bias seam, sew the remaining strip to the WOF strip.

Next, turn in 1/4" on the raw edges of this long strip and press.

FIFTH sew the binding, and layer the base and pockets.

Bind the top of the base, and the top of each pocket, using the 6" lengths.

Sew to right side and fold over to reverse. Stitch in the ditch to secure. Trim

these to base and pocket width.

Now layer your pieces, starting with the

base. Next

place the center

pocket, lining up edges. Then place the outer

pocket, lining up edges. Last,

place the clear vinyl on top of the outer

pocket, lining up lower edges.

Secure edges with Wonder Clips. Baste

together, using a scant 1/4" seam.

Starting with the center of the 2-1/2" strip, place it at the top right of your

name tag holder with raw edges together. Wonder clip the binding to the

right, bottom, and left side and stitch.

ADJUST STRAP LENGTH AND FINISH SEWING.

Hold your name tag holder up to yourself, and select a length that is

comfortable for you. After cutting to correct length, sew the ends together.

Fold in 1/4" on the raw edge side. Press. Fold strap in half, and sew closed

along length.

Insert name tag, and you are done.

