

The **ALL STAR**

GAZETTE

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ISSUE 1

CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY 2025

6 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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

13 SIT & STITCH

Find out what's been going on since last year!

20 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

**Installation of Officers
Birthday Party box lunch
Fun & Games!
Membership renewals due now to be in directory and continue receiving benefits.**

27 SIT & STITCH

Come with your own project or learn about FIDGET Quilts! Figity items supplied! See p. 9

FEBRUARY

3 BOARD MEETING 10 am

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10 SIT & STITCH

You can or stitch or both!

17 GENERAL MEETING 10 am

**“Past & Present” with showing and comparing a first/early quilt with the latest!
Lots of fun...much to learn!**

24 SIT & STITCH

Get some help...get to know your All Stars friends!

Coming in March: The notorious Brown Bag Mystery Challenge!

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.

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

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MINUTES of the NOV. GENERAL MEETING

All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes December 16 th , 2024

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

Sherry announced that the Guild needs an auditing committee to audit the 2024 accounting books. Patty Campioni, Linda Harper and Karen Duffy volunteered.

Sherry asked if there were **any corrections or changes to the November General Meeting Minutes, there was one. The name of the representative from the Child Cancer Fund should be Tricia Boleky.** Randy Powers make a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Linda Marsh seconded the motion.

Vice President Raney Manning thanked members who decorated the Christmas Trees. Raney stated that 96 members signed up for the January luncheon. When you sign in to the January General Meeting you will receive a star if you paid for lunch.

Treasurer Sharon Tomore gave her Treasurer's Report. , The opening balance was \$13,000.60, income totaled \$571.00, expenses totaled \$80.49, The ending balance was \$13,491.11.

Sharon presented the budget for 2025, copies were available upon request. LeighAnn McGuigan made a motion to approve the 2025 budget, Stacy Wilson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary/Free Table Linda Harper sent out cards to Margaret Stewart and Shirley Simmons. Sherry asked members to keep positive thoughts for Margaret Stewart.

Linda stated that the Free Table will not be open until February.

Community Service Joann Davenport thanked members for all their contributions and help with Community Service projects. \$1,166 was made from the Fabric Sale. The Guild collected \$5,700 for the Mandarin Food Bank. 349 pillowcases were donated.

Featured Quilter Linda Marsh stated that this month's Featured Quilter was Geri Willems.

Hospitality Efriede Echt thanked members for their cookie donations and their assistance.

Library Vicki Zoller stated that the library will be open in February. The 2025 Challenge will be announced in January.

Quilt Mother 2025 Mary Anne Dennis shared the 2025 raffle selvage quilt with the guild. She thanked members for their selvage donations.

Quilts of Valor Samantha Howell stated that they awarded 4 quilts this month.

Membership Susan Sharpe stated that there were 97 people present, including 2 guests. The winners of the monthly drawing were Betty Olson and Laura Rowe. The early renewal drawing winner was Sue Blythe. Susan is working on the membership book. The deadline for entries is January.

Sit 'n Stitch LeighAnn McGuigan stated that there will be a Sit 'n Stitch on December 23rd and December 30th .

Winter Retreat/Road Trips Ellen Cannon stated that the \$50.00 deposit for the Winter Retreat is due now.

A sign-up sheet for the road trip to the Villages Quilt Show on January 24th was passed around. We will be leaving from the Target on San Jose at 8:00 AM.

Ways and Means Trisha Gros stated that in January we will be raffling off a sewing machine. There will be a 50 – 50 raffle down the road.

Website Jenny Chambless stated that the December newsletter is now on the website.

Maureen Orr thanked Randy Powers and Mary Anne Dennis for their participation in the Winter Celebration in Mandarin

Program Games of Left, Right, Center were enjoyed by guild members. The tree centerpieces were raffled off. Michael Martin was the winner of the Christmas Raffle Quilt.

Show 'n Tell 9 members shared their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 P.M.

The next Board Meeting is January 6th , 2025

The next General Meeting is January 20 th , 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Caldarise

Recording Secretary

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GAZETTE TO HAVE NEW EDITOR IN MARCH!

It has been an honor to serve as your Newsletter Editor for enough years that I can't remember how long.

This issue and the February one will be my last, as in March we welcome Jane Flesher to the position.

She'll be bringing some better computer skills and a fresh view to the job.

Please welcome her and give her all the warm support you have given me in the past!

Sunnie

CHALLENGE 2025

It's time for the annual All Star Challenge. This year there is only one rule. That may make your choice of quilt easier because your design possibilities are unlimited or it may make your choice more difficult because unlimited possibilities can be overwhelming.

So the challenge is (drum roll, please) : **One Size Quilts All**. The size is 36" x 36".

In past challenges, the size requirement has been treated as more of a suggestion than a hard rule. I admit that I have broken this rule once. But since this time around the size is the only rule, the "quilt police" will be measuring your entry to see if it is 36" x 36". There will be a little wiggle room, but very little. So please take that into account when planning your quilt.

I look forward to seeing lots of 36" x 36" quilts in **July** for our reveal. As always, we will vote on our top 3 favorites and the winners will receive a \$40 gift card to Cinnamon's. And yes, that is a \$10 increase! Happy Quilting!

COMMUNITY SERVICE By Joann Davenport

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT – Quilts Delivered in 2024

Guild members donated 282 quilts in 2024. Here's the breakdown by organization. Hart Felt – 40; Peds Care – 49; Daniel – 59; YoungLife – 25; Honor Flight – 44; Quilts of Valor – 55; North Carolina Hurricane Outreach – 10.

Special Quilt Project to Launch 2025 – Fidget Quilts – You might be asking "What are Fidget Quilts?" They are small, lap size quilts that include sensory simulation such as zippers to pull, lace or buttons to finger. Come join us at the January 27th Sit and Stitch to learn how to make these. See p. 9

Reminder – Guild members can take free fabric from the community service fabric table for community service quilts. 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.

There will be no fabric sales table for January.

Let's strive to provide at least 350 or more community service quilts in 2025!

Community Service Team –

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Johnnie Wollard – Fabric Table

Randy Powers—Delivery of quilts

Gloria Hart – Food Bank

Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY By Linda Harper

If you know of an All Star who needs a card, please email Linda Harper at Lharper16@aol.com

EDUCATION *classes to start in March next year*

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

FEATURED QUILTER By Linda Marsh

Linda McClelland was born on Long Island, but was raised in Indiana and still thinks of herself as a Hoosier. She moved to the D.C. area when she got married 52 years ago. They next moved to Florida in 1989 and raised two sons here, so Florida is home for the McClelland family.

Although her mother and grandmother were sewers, they weren't quilters. But their mothers and grandmothers were, so Linda has some family quilts dating as far back as the Civil War. Linda hopes her granddaughters will appreciate them one day.

Her first quilt was begun around 1978, from a book, cut with cardboard templates and hand-pieced. It was intended to be queen-sized and ended up a twin that went to the long arm folks. She still uses that first quilt by putting it on her bed at retreats. Linda's second quilt was a bargello-ish one for her second baby, backed with a yellow sheet and tied. It is still quite functional 40 years later.

These days Linda enjoys making wall quilts and snuggle-on-the-sofa quilts. She doesn't see another bed quilt in her future. Not a fan of patterns, she prefers to be surprised how the piece materializes (see the pun?) She is one of the gals in the 12 x 12 group and enjoys the creativity of that group.

Linda joined the guild around 2003 at the invitation of Kathy Nay. She's been Vice-President and Recording Secretary and a couple of other odd jobs. She loves that there is so much enthusiasm and commitment in the guild. Her favorite programs are trunk shows, and sew and tell every month.

Linda has enjoyed living in downtown St. Augustine for 4 fun years, but in the late spring they are moving to Westminster, a retirement community in the World Golf Village.

When not quilting Linda and her hubby love to travel, and whenever possible, their dog Tessa goes along. Here's something you don't know:

Linda and Sunnie Malesky are both preachers' kids.

HOSPITALITY by Elfriede Echt

It is the guild's birthday party this month. We will enjoy a catered lunch and birthday cupcakes.

HISTORIAN by Sandy Osager

January 1998 birthday lunch was attended by 30 members and 8 guests. Quilt Fest gave gifts to members. During the course of the meeting, additional prize drawings were held. Quilt-o and more prizes were followed by a birthday lunch .

The 1997 birthday luncheon was very intimate compared to our more recent years' attendance..

INSTALLATION of NEW OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was elected in October.

They will start their one-year terms at the end of this month's meeting, and serve through January's meeting in 2026.

President— Delia Bright

Vice President/Programs— Pat D'Elia

Treasurer —Martha Hann

Recording Secretary— Angela Moore.

We are excited to have several new chairpersons as well! Look for a complete list next month, as well as in the directory and website. Lots of great activities are coming up for 2025...plan to share the fun!

LIBRARY by Vicki Zoller

The Library is on vacation. Watch for some Big News next month!

MEMBERSHIP By Susan Sharpe

Ninety-seven members attended the General Meeting held on December 16, 2024, at First Christian Church. We had two guests and one new member, Amy Cahill. As of this writing, there are 184 members, a number that will be adjusted with the new year.

As of this writing, there have been approximately 110 members who have renewed their membership, which means there are about 74 members whose renewals have not been received.

Renewals postmarked in December are eligible for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate from Cinnamon's Quilt Shoppe. Everyone who renews is required to fully fill out a

2025 membership form and submit the form with the membership fee of \$30.00; by cash (in person only) or check. The 2025 membership form is on our webpage. It would be so helpful to have the form filled out and payment ready prior to the General Meeting. Additionally, **renewals must be received on or before the January 2025 General Meeting in order to be listed in the 2025 Directory**. Please submit your membership renewal as soon as possible.

I was asked to compile a list of those members who had perfect attendance in 2024. According to my records (which were the monthly sign-in sheets), there were sixteen members who had perfect attendance. I went a step further to compute the number of members who did not go to any meetings in 2024; there were twenty-five members. (The number can be adjusted to 19 if I excuse six who do not live in Jacksonville.)

Susan Sharpe
Sheron Walser
Bobbie Redshaw

PROGRAMS

THIS MONTH:

January 2025: Birthday Party, Installation of Officers, Box Luncheon (Tidbits chicken salad \$3 (due to a generous donor, with guild covering remainder of cost) plus drinks...CUPCAKES for everyone!
You may attend w/out having a lunch, but you MUST make a reservation if you want one. You will receive a star at the January Sign-in to claim your meal.

February:

“Past & Present”. Several members will show a first/early quilt they made, and some current work. Get ready to learn a lot about how quilters have progressed and changed over the years!

Our new VP Pat Delia is in charge of programs for 2025...let her know what you'd like to see!

QUILTFEST 2024 & 5 WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM

This month All Stars will welcome the new QuiltFest President to present our Educational Grant check for \$3200.

Are you thinking about QuiltFest 2025? The theme is Color Our World!

Maybe you're looking for a Challenge kit, or have one to offer?

Could this be your first year to enter?

Do you have a potential entry hiding in a stack of tops?

Whatever you do, plan to participate...our wonderful show needs lots of helpers, and there is something do-able for everyone!

QUILTS of VALOR

Contact Samantha Howell.

HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

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

2025 RAFFLE QUILT! By Mary Anne Dennis

The selvage Star quilt for raffle at QuiltFest 2025 needs a name! Please text me at 904-705-5194 or email me at madennisxx@gmail.com with your idea for a name. The 4 people who did most of the sewing will take all ideas of a name in consideration and choose a name to be announced at our next meeting January 20th.

Please text or send emails by 6:00 pm Sunday evening the 19th.

Thank you

Quilt Mother for 2025

Mary Anne Dennis

Christmas Quilt Raffle

The beautiful Christmas quilt was won by Michael Martiss!

Thanks to Adriane Ellwod for putting the quilt together, and to everyone who bought a ticket.

RETREATS

SPRING: MAY 14—16

SAVE THE DATE May 14th, 15th & 16th. Signups will begin March.

FALL: The committee will form later. Dates already set for October 27 to 31 at The Retreat Center in Silver Springs.

WINTER: *new!*

The Winter Retreat is scheduled for February 17th through the 20th. Check in will begin at 10 AM and we must be out by 10 AM on the 20th. The final payment will be due at the January guild meeting. Remember, a double room is \$270.00 per person and a single is \$315.00.

This retreat is full, and we have a waiting list. We are still hoping more places open up. Looking forward to a new adventure!

ROAD TRIPS RETURN!

By Ellen Cannon

Who is ready for a road trip?

On January 24th and 25th, Quilting Guild of the Villages will sponsor a Showcase of Quilts.

The theme for this years show is Blossoming Arts. There will be more than 350 quilts displayed in two locations. A free shuttle bus will provide transportation between the two buildings..

There will be vendors at both locations. Admission will be \$15.00.

On Friday, January 24th, our guild is sponsoring a road trip to visit this show. **We will meet at the Target parking lot on San Jose Blvd. at 8:00 AM.** At the January meeting we will have sign up sheets available and more information on road trips.

SHOW & TELL

Be sure to sign in with Valerie B. when you get to the meeting . You may leave your quilt on the table (over on the right side of the room) so it doesn't take up space where you're sitting. We do like to see finished items, but if you have to give it away before the next meeting, bring it on!

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

SIT & STITCH

By LeighAnn McGuigan

The sit and stitch dates for January are the 13th and the 27th. Come join us for some friendship fellowship and just overall good time. Bring a project or help someone with theirs or even just watch and learn. Bring a friend everyone is welcome.

JANUARY 27: learn to make Fidget Quilts for a service project. Fidget-y things will be provided for you to attach to these small quilts that help entertain people in hospitals and other care facilities.

What are Fidget Quilts?

These are small quilts, no larger than 18"x24" with lots of texture and things to "fidget" with. They are great for the elderly, especially those suffering from dementia, but are also loved by children, whether they are just "fidgety" or those with extra challenges. There's a patchwork base, and then we embellish them with things to keep those fingers busy.

Come on January 27 with your sewing machine, and perhaps a fat quarter for backing, some 6" squares. If you have some fun buttons, trims, lace, etc., bring those, too. Or you can just bring your machine and paw through what we will provide. Warning: Fidget Quilts are highly addictive. Bet you can't make just one.

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

By Linda Harper

Just a reminder that this month January '25 there will be no Free/Treasure table set up. See you in February 2025.

UFOs 2024

Congratulations to Marcia Bookstaver who finished 10 quilts and won the \$10 gift card. The UFO Challenge is going on break for a year or so, but we will always be happy to see your finished work at Show & Tell!

WAYS & MEANS by Trisha Gros

What is a 50/50 Raffle?

A 50/50 raffle is a simple and effective way for charities, schools, and other organizations to raise funds. Participants purchase any amount of tickets they wish for a chance to win half of the total proceeds. The more tickets they buy, the greater their chances of winning. For example, if tickets cost \$5 and 100 tickets are sold, the sales amount to \$500. The winner of the raffle would receive a cash prize of \$250. The remaining half of the profits go toward the fundraising cause.

The appeal of the 50/50 raffle is that the prize pool grows with every ticket sold. As individuals purchase tickets, the total funds increase proportionally, creating excitement and motivation for even more ticket sales. This virtuous cycle maximizes fundraising potential and can engage a larger audience, as there is an increasing allure of a substantial prize.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. A winner will be drawn at the Meeting.

WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the All Stars' website for pictures, instructions and all sorts of useful info! Also on the website you will find the membership form to print for your renewal.

In other social media news, we have a new FACEBOOK page, a PRIVATE page just for All Stars. You can find it as **Allstar Quilters Chatter** and click the "Join" button. This is a place you can ask questions, find out the latest guild news and share pictures or whatever else "quilty" you think the guild will enjoy!

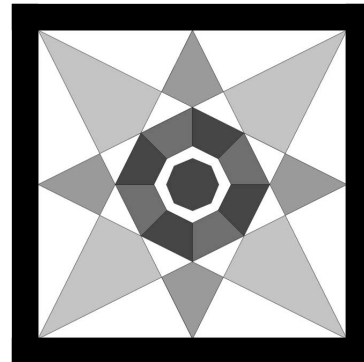
Our new email is INFO@ALLSTARQUILTERS.ORG

Messages received there will be forwarded to the proper committee, person, etc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

JANUARY

- 1 FRANCES FOWLER
- 2 CJ CLARK
- 3 CATHY PETERS
- 6 KRIS MITCHELL
- 7 JOANNE HERMAN
- 10 SUSAN ALEXANDER
- 11 PAM SPRAGUE
- 12 SUSAN SHARPE
- 13 TONI ANWEILER
- 14 NANCY MORAN
- 15 GLORIA HART
- 17 BARBARA HILLSON
- 19 SANDY ONSAGER
- 21 ANN CARRAWAY
- 23 JEAN MCCORMICK
- 26 KAREN DUFFY
- 26 DEINYA MAUTZ
- 27 LOU DOWNEY
- 29 PRIS ROEHM
- 30 FRANCINE WILLHIDE
- 31 GINNY PERKIN



FEBRUARY

- 3 CAROL BURD
- 4 STACY WILSON
- 6 LORI JOHNSTON
- 14 BECKY HURLEY
- 17 VERONICA POTTER
- 22 RANEY MANNING
- 27 MARY ANN MASCELLINO
- 28 KELLY ASHLINE
- 28 BETTY SMITH

MARKETPLACE

WANTED!

Program ideas: Pat Delia

Class ideas or interest in teaching: Jill Kelly
Road Trip events/ places: Ellen Cannon

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EVENTS

AQS QUILT WEEK IN DAYTONA BEACH

.Daytona Beach, Florida, February 19-22, 2025

101 North Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach FL

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

QUILT SHOW at THE VILLAGES

January 23-4-5.

Road Trip: see Ellen Cannon, sign up at Jan. 20th meeting!

Billie McCray is planning 2 events in 2025 to celebrate the 90th year of American Beach on Amelia Island.

You will remember Billie from her art quilts & figures booth at QuiltFest.

Billie is also planning to have a yard sale on MAY 3, 2025. She mentioned that if anyone is interested in a quilt they see at the Airing of the Quilt to let her know. She plans to price them reasonable.

March 29: Airing of the Quilts Fabric Stories

May 3: Billie's yard sale!

September 27: Ms. B's Fiber Art

Next Food Bank collection: March 17

COMING UP THIS YEAR:

Programs with Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen

Julie Mainor

Quilt Chat: Other Techniques

All Stars Annual Challenge: One Size Quilts All

Brown Bag Mystery (get ready to grab a bag in March!)

Library Book Sale

Three (3) Retreats!

Road Trips

Selling Raffle Quilt Tickets

2026 Raffle Quilt

Many service projects!

Quarterly 50/50

The ever popular Treasure Table returns in February

And SO much more!