

*The* ALL STAR

# GAZETTE

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### DECEMBER

#### **2 BOARD MEETING 10 am**

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

#### **9 SIT & STITCH**

A great time to finish a gift or just relax

#### **16 GENERAL MEETING 10 am**

**TREE-mendous Holiday Party...loads of cookies...  
raffle quilt drawing!**

**Make your reservation for the Jan. Birthday Party box lunch**

#### **23 SIT & STITCH**

You bet we are meeting!

#### **30 SIT & STITCH**

Your perfect end-of-year escape!

### 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!**

#### **27 SIT & STITCH**

You can sit...or you can stitch...or you can do both. We don't judge!

**Board Meeting** 10 AM first Monday each month.

**General meeting** 10 AM third Monday each month, with business, program, and Show & Tell. Social time at 9:30. Hand stitching group follows General meeting, bring a lunch.

**Classes** set up at 9:00 and start at 10 AM, unless stated otherwise, and go for various lengths of time.

**Sit & Stitch** gathers at 9:30, meets 10 to noon

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# MINUTES of the NOV. GENERAL MEETING

## All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes November 18th , 2024

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

The Guild presented a check in the amount of \$1,512.00 (the proceeds from the 2024 Raffle Quilt) to Tricha Boleyn from the Child Cancer Fund organization.

Sherry asked if there were any corrections or changes to the October General Meeting Minutes, there were none. Linda Harper made a motion to accept the minutes as published, Randy Powers seconded the motion.

Sherry stated that an anonymous donor made a donation towards our January Birthday Party luncheon.

**Vice President** Raney Manning stated that the member's cost for the January Birthday Party luncheon will be \$3.00.

Raney stated that today's program is the Applique Chat with Sunnie Malesky.

**Treasurer** Sharon Tomore gave her Treasurer's Report. The opening balance was \$20,395.26, income totaled \$481.27, expenses totaled \$11,131.55, The closing balance was \$9,744.98. Sharon stated that One to One merged with Vystar.

**Community Service/Free Table** Linda Harper stated that no cards were sent out this month.

Today is the last time that the Free Table will be open this year. It will reopen in February.

**Community Service** Joann Davenport let the members know that we have batting for community service quilts. There are quilt kits available for community service quilts. 25 quilts were donated at Fall Retreat which were given to Hartfelt.

Today, \$1,690.00 in groceries and checks were collected for the Mandarin Food Bank.

**Education/Winter Retreat** Ellen Cannon stated that Demo Day is November 25th . Ellen Cannon and Pris Roehm gave details about the Winter Retreat scheduled for February 17th – February 20th . \$50.00 deposit is due next month. There are 5 open spots left.

Jill Kelly passed around sheets asking members to list classes they would like to take and classes that members would like to teach.

**Featured Quilter** Linda Marsh stated that this month's featured quilter is Jenny Chambless.

**Hospitality** Elfriede Echt thanked members who brought goodies today. She also thanked Jean Newton for her help. She passed around the sign-up sheet for Christmas cookies.

**Library/Challenge** Vicki Zoller stated that the library is open today but will be closed in December and January.

**The Challenge** will be announced in January.

**Membership** Susan Sharpe stated that there are 95 members, one new member and 3 guests present today. She received 75 renewals today. Today's drawing winners are Jody Sciuлло and Marsha Bookstaver. Susan thanked members for filling

out the renewal forms.

**Newsletter** Sunnie Malesky stated that the newsletter is on the website. If you are interested in taking over the newsletter, see Sunnie. She has one person interested.

**Quilt Mother/UFOs** Mary Anne Dennis stated that she hopes the quilt will be completed sometime in December.

There is one month left for UFOs.

**QOV** Samanth Howell stated that they presented 4 quilts this month. She will be depleting her stock of QOV in December. In January, they will need more quilts.

**Sit 'n Stitch** LeighAnn McGuigan stated that there will be a Sit 'n Stitch on December 9th , 23 rd and 30 th .

**Website** Jenny Chambless asked if anyone has IT experience, please see Jenny. Jenny announced that we now have a private Facebook member only page. There are already 38 members.

**QuiltFest** Pat D'Elia stated that tomorrow is the last QuiltFest meeting for the year. Pat stated that All Stars Quilters' Guild was presented with a check in the amount of \$1,088.00 for the Quilters Walk proceeds. Finances for QuiltFest are not yet finalized but it looks like all seven guilds will receive a check for around \$3,000.00 to be used for education.

Pat had a SUV full of quilts which were donated to the hurricane victims of Burnsville, NC. They were very much appreciated.

**Program** Raney Manning introduced today's program, An Applique Chat with Sunnie Malesky.

**Show 'n Tell** 17 members shared their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 P.M.

The next Board Meeting is December 2nd , 2024

The next General Meeting is December 26th , 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Caldarise

Recording Secretary

## **2025 BUDGET**

Our treasurer, Sharon Tomore, has prepared a budget for next year. You will be voting on it at the meeting this month. Copies will be available before the meeting for those who would like to review the entire budget before the vote. Please be aware that the Retreats are self-supporting (money in—money out) and each year's Education grant and QF funds are variable amounts.

# CHALLENGE 2025

Information for the annual All Star Challenge will be announced in the January newsletter. Here is a hint: There is only one rule. I think this will either be the easiest challenge or the most difficult. How enigmatic is that!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE By Joann Davenport

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT –

**Fabric Sales** – Thank you to our Guild members who donated fabric to the Community Service fabric table. This fabric generated \$1,166 in fabric purchases this year. Minus our expenses of \$278 for batting and community service quilt labels, we had net proceeds of \$888. We were also able to provide the holiday fabric for our holiday LRC game. And as a reminder, fabric taken for community service quilts is free to guild members. **And we provide batting for community service quilts to members as well.**

**Food Bank** – Our Guild donated \$5,700 in cash and goods to the Mandarin Food Bank this year. Thank you for helping our neighbor's put food on the table for their families.

**There will be no fabric sales table for December or January. The Community Service Team looks forward to serving our Guild and community 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

**UTILITY BAGS by Mary Anne Dennis**

This program has ended. Thanks to all who have participated!

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY By Linda Harper

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

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

One card was sent this month.

## 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

Geri Willems is our Featured Quilter for December. She is originally from San Jose, CA, and since her husband's career was in the Navy, she has also lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, Virginia, Maryland, D.C., Nevada, Washington state, and Okinawa, Japan. She has been living in Jacksonville for 14 months.

Geri has been quilting for 25 years, and learned to quilt by taking a beginner quilting class from a local shop. Her first quilt was made 50+ years ago for her daughter. She did not make another one for 25 more years. Her first "real" quilt was a four-patch.

Geri joined All Stars during 2023 by looking for a local guild on line. Geri's favorite things about our guild is Show & Tell, and road trips. In addition to quilting, Geri enjoys gardening, puzzles and needlework.

Geri started making collage dog quilts about five years ago and now works on at least one collage a year. Collages can't be rushed, She purposely lets them sit for months before working on them again and enjoys working with batiks for collage quilts because they don't fray. Geri entered one of her collage dog quilts in QuiltFest last year.

In addition to belonging to All Stars, Geri belongs to a group that meets once a week to quilt at Fort Caroline Christian Church.

Geri is currently working on a collage quilt . . . a flamingo from the Jacksonville Zoo. She took her camera and tripod to the zoo and spent the afternoon photographing the flamingos. She captured different views of this beauty and is enjoying creating him in fabric. She uses a cut and glue method with tulle. She quilts the tulle over the fabric.

Geri was a magazine editor for dollhouse miniatures for 10 years. She is drawn to miniature quilts and small collectibles.

She has three grown daughters and two grandchildren and a miniature dachshund named Abbie.

Something most people don't know about Geri is that she flew in a refueling mission between the Philippines and Okinawa. She was stranded in the Philippines after a shopping trip with a friend, and the refueling mission was the only plane going back to Okinawa, so she took it at 2:00 a.m.

## **HOSPITALITY** by Elfriede Echt

COOKIES!

This month we are having our holiday celebration. Thank you to everyone who is bringing cookies. I am sure we will all enjoy them.

## **HISTORIAN** by Sandy Osager

December 1997 guild festivities included the exchange of handcrafted ornaments and sharing of favorite holiday treats. The Mandarin food bank “wish list” included sweet bread and pancake mixes that required only water, pancake syrup, turkey gravy mix, canned yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned fruit, pie crust mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, packaged cookies, and bagged candy.

## **LIBRARY** by Vicki Zoller

The library will be closed for December and January. However, if you want to return a book or donate books, please see me at the general meeting.

Watch this space in January for new books in the library and info about an upcoming book sale. Happy Quilting and Happy Holidays!

## **MEMBERSHIP** By Susan Sharpe

**Please remember that membership renewal continues this month**

December is the last Early Bird month. This means members who renew during the early renewal period will be eligible for a prize drawing in the month in which they renew. Everyone who renews will be required to fully fill out a 2025 membership form and submit the form with the membership fee of \$30.00; by cash 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. This should help keep the line shortened and reduce crowding. Thank you,

Susan Sharpe  
Sheron Walser  
Bobbie Redshaw

## **NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025**

The following slate of officers was elected in October.

They will start their one-year terms at the end of the January 2025 general meeting and serve through January’s meeting in 2026. Elected officers may run for a second term, but not a third.

We are looking forward to a great year with these able leaders and all the committee chairmen getting ready for 2025!

**President— Delia Bright**

**Vice President/Programs— Pat D’Elia**

**Treasurer —Martha Hann**

**Recording Secretary— Angela Moore.**

# PROGRAMS

**December 16: “TREE-mendous” Holiday Party, Raffle Quilt drawing and loads of cookies!**

**Last chance to make your lunch reservation for January.**

**If you are a TREE DECORATOR please remember to bring it ! Set up starts at 8:45 so the tables will be ready when the members arrive.**

**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 to at the January Sign-in to claim your meal.**

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

## QUILTFEST 2024

**WWW.QUILTFESTJAX.COM**

Wrapping up the details from the last show!

## QUILTS of VALOR

Contact Samantha Howell.

## HONOR FLIGHT QUILTS

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

## 2025 RAFFLE QUILT! By Mary Anne Dennis

Contact Mary Anne if you want to help with getting this project to the end!

A lot of progress was made at the Fall Retreat. Just wait ‘til you see this star-in-the-center beauty!

# Christmas Quilt Raffle: This month!!!!

## LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS! SALES CLOSE BEFORE START OF MEETING THIS MONTH!

Here we go! Our Christmas Quilt Raffle is underway, and we don't have to tell you Christmas is right around the corner.

The quilt will be on display at the meeting and you can take a look at the fine details of the piecing, applique, embellishment, and quilting on the delightful quilt. Whether you hope to win it for yourself or to happily gift it to someone you know, please buy tickets at the meeting.

We're keeping it simple: since this is largely a ticket sale and drawing among us, there are no ticket stubs: just buy one - or twenty - write your name and phone or email on each and give it back with your \$1 donation for each ticket. **The winning ticket will be drawn and the quilt awarded at the General Meeting on Monday, December 16.**

## RETREATS

**SPRING:** The committee will begin meeting in February or March.

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

### **WINTER: *new!***

Luther Springs Retreat Center. The dates are February 17th , 10 A.M.- February 20th , 10 A.M. There are spaces for 18 people, 10 rooms. The cost is \$315.00 for a single room and \$270.00 for a double room. Meals are included. They provide linens. Contact Ellen Cannon for more info.

**FILLED!** See Ellen to be on the wait list...more spaces may become available.

## ROAD TRIPS RETURN!

We are pleased to announce the return of our popular Road Trips. These usually are meeting up to carpool to a quilt show or special shop, and of course, a group lunch! The first one is being planned for The Villages show in January. Please contact Ellen Cannon for more info. Drivers will be needed!

## SHOW & TELL

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

There will be 3 sit n stitches this month. How exciting more days to bring friends and join us. **The dates are 9th, 23rd, and the 30th**

Please come join us

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

By Linda Harper

Just a reminder that December '24 and January '25 there will be no Free/Treasure table set up.

See you in February 2025!

# UFOs 2024 By Mary Anne Dennis

**The UFO Project will end THIS MONTH**, so get busy and **get that card punched!**

Finish 10 quilts...win a gift certificate to a local quilt shop!

Be sure to list your Show & Tell as a UFO and get your card punched.

**NOW IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!**

# 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.

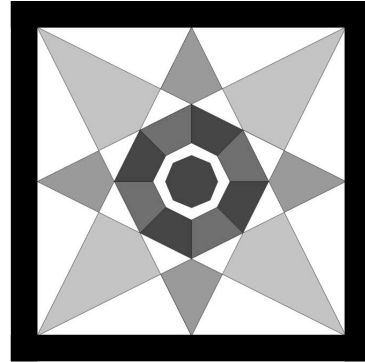
In other social media news, we have a new FACEBOOK page, a PRIVATE page just for All Stars. You can find it as **Allstar Quilters Chatter** and click the "Join" button. This is a place you can ask questions, find out the latest guild news and share pictures or whatever else "quilty" you think the guild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

Our new email is [INFO@ALLSTARQUILTERS.ORG](mailto:INFO@ALLSTARQUILTERS.ORG)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

## DECEMBER

3 ELFRIEDE ECHT  
3 KATHLEEN VOIGT  
4 ANNETTE GRAHAM  
5 DONNA NICKLIS  
5 LAURA ROWE  
6 LINDA MCCLELLAND  
7 TERRI CHAMBERLAIN  
18 KRISTAN VAN DALSUM-HEIN  
23 SHARON WILCOX  
25 PATTI SANDERS  
25 VIRGINIA WALLER  
27 DIANE HUTSELL  
29 GERI WILLEMS  
31 SHARON TOMORE



## 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

# **MARKETPLACE**

## **WANTED!**

Program ideas: Pat Delia

Class ideas or interest in teaching: Jill Kelly

Road Trip events/ places: Ellen Cannon

## **QUILTING SERVICES**

### **Binding**

**Trish Egbert**

**904-735-0294**

### **Quilting**

BQ Enterprises, LLC (aka **Sharon Buquo**) **904-928-9300**

**BUDGET FRIENDLY!!!!**

Edge to Edge only (Several patterns to choose from)

## **AQS QUILT WEEK IN DAYTONA BEACH**

Prepare yourself for a week overflowing with quilting excitement! Dive into workshops, join engaging lectures, and indulge in fabric and more at the Vendor Mall. Let your creativity soar as you explore aisles of breathtaking context and special exhibit quilts.

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**

Please look it up online for more details.

A Road Trip is possibly being planned.

Info not available to the Gazette at press time.