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# The All Star Gazette

## May 2026 Meeting Dates

- May 4 **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am. All members are welcome to attend.
- May 11 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – 2 pm. Setup 9:30. Everyone Welcome!
- May 18 **General Meeting.** 10:00 am. Social Time 9:30 am  
Program – 2026 Challenge Quilt
- May 25 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – 2 pm. Setup 9:30. Everyone Welcome!
- June 1 **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am. All members are welcome to attend.

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

## May 18, 2026 Meeting Notes

### Class Signups

Fabric Table and Library will be Closed. Treasure Table is OPEN.

Get tickets for the 50/50 Raffle. Split the pot with the guild.

Charity Quilt Raffle Tickets On Sale

Buy a space in the QuiltFest 2026 Program for \$5.00. See Jenny Chambless.

Challenge Quilts on Display in Lobby before meeting.

## Upcoming Classes & Events

- May 13-15 **Spring Retreat at Mandarin Methodist Church**
- June 15 **Trunk Show by Kestrel Michaud**
- June 15 **Food Bank Donations**

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May is National Pet Month

## New Location

June 29, 2026, will be the last day All Stars will meet at the First Christian Church. The church is being sold and the guild is actively looking for another location to hold meetings. **If you have any suggestions for a possible meeting space** to accommodate the All Stars, please send the information to [info@allstarquilters.com](mailto:info@allstarquilters.com).

## Let's Talk About QuiltFest 2026, "Give Piece a Chance"

The information below should answer a lot of your questions. If it does not, we are including the people who can get the answers for you! The QuiltFest representatives.

**QUILTFEST REPRESENTATIVES:** Ronnie Potter, Deb Frain, Susan Sharpe, Jenny Chambless, Jane Flesher, & Ellen Cannon

**WHEN IS QUILTFEST 2026:** Sept 17, 18, and 19.  
Thursday and Friday 9am - 5pm;  
Saturday 9am - 4 pm.



**WHEN CAN I REGISTER MY QUILT:** Now until July 25, 2026

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST:** Guild members pay \$20.00 per quilt. Non guild members pay \$30.00 per quilt.

**WHERE DO I GET THE FORM:** Go to the [QuiltFestjax.com](http://QuiltFestjax.com) website and get the registration form. Have problems, ask a QF rep and they will help you get one.

**WHERE DO I TURN MY QUILT IN FOR JUDGING:** The turn-in locations will be on the registration form; you may choose any location. Turn the quilt in at the location you choose-very important.

**WHEN MAY I SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEERING:** July 1st - There are many different jobs for volunteers. Sit down, standing, walk around, something for everyone.

**JUDGING OF THE QUILTS:** Begins September 8th thru the 11th. You may volunteer to help or you may come to observe and be quiet as a mouse!

**BOUTIQUE:** A guild member may turn in items to sell in the boutique. They must be sewn items. No knitting, crochet, or quilts. QuiltFest will receive 15% of every item sold. The guild member will receive a check for the remainder.

**BOUTIQUE TURN IN:** September 8th & 9th at the Prime.

**QUILT SALE ROOM:** Do you have quilts you would like to sell? This is the place. Put your price on it, turn it in at the Prime the Wednesday before QuiltFest starts. When it sells QuiltFest will take 15% write you a check for the remainder.

**FORMS FOR THE QUILT SALE ROOM OR THE BOUTIQUE:** Our guild has ladies with the forms and tags to get you ready to sell your items.

*--Ellen Cannon and Susan Sharpe*

## "Friends of QuiltFest" Program - Available Now

Look for Jenny Chambless at the Sign-In table at our next general meeting to reserve your "Friends of QuiltFest" entry in the program. "Friend of QuiltFest" is a donor recognition program for QuiltFest Jacksonville annual show, where a \$5 donation earns your name or business a listing in the event advertisement book. This initiative supports the volunteer-run 501c3 nonprofit event held in Jacksonville, Florida.

- **How to Participate:** Donations and names at the May and June general meeting.
- **Purpose:** The funds support the annual show, which includes over 400 judged quilts, vendors, and community service projects.

## 2026 All Star Challenge: This Is It!!

The program and reveal of this year's Challenge will take place at the May general meeting. The theme is Famous Women and entries can be any size.

Entrants: take note! **Please arrive with your quilt between 9:15 and 9:30** so that there is plenty of time to arrange the quilts before the meeting starts. Do not put your name on the quilt. If you wish, you may write any information you wish to share with the Guild about your quilt on a 3" x 5" piece of paper. It will then be pinned to your quilt.

As I am currently having shoulder issues, Julie Mainor has agreed to take charge of the Challenge program this year. So be sure to check in with Julie when you drop off your quilts. Good luck to everyone! I can't wait to learn who will be the 3 winners of \$40 gift cards to Cinnamon's.

-Vicki A. Zoller

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## Featured Quilter - Johnnie Woolard

Our Featured Quilter this month is Johnnie Woolard. Johnnie has lived in Washington and Charlotte, NC, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Albuquerque, and California before finding her way back to Jacksonville. She has been here since 1992.

Johnnie has been quilting since 1965, and learned to quilt by hand using cardboard stencils. Her mother taught her to hand sew at the age of 4, and how to use a sewing machine at the age of 5.

Johnnie also belongs to Coastal Quilt Guild, where she met about a half dozen All Star members who invited her to an All Star meeting about 2 1/2 years ago.

Johnnie has made many quilts, and has given away all of them as she has grandchildren she likes to gift quilts to. She made all of her grandchildren a quilt when leaving home for college using their college colors.

Johnnie's first quilt had a glaring error, so she did keep that one quilt and she might have it with her today.

-Linda Marsh

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## 2026 All Star Board of Directors

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## Membership

Eighty-eight members of All Star Quilters' Guild attended the General Meeting on April 20, 2026, at First Christian Church plus five new members: Dory Almond, Mary Furlong, Donda Johnson, Hilary Morgan and Shawn Patton. Please watch for them and say "Hello," to make them feel welcome. The number of recorded members in All Star Quilters' Guild is now 154.

\*\*A note to those who have not picked up the 2026 Directory, please do so this month. We will have them at the Membership table. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact me, Sheron or Bobbie. Thank you.

*-Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw*

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## Communications

**Website:** Hopefully, you are enjoying the new website! Your best bet to find ANY information regarding our guild – is on the website.

This month's item of interest is the Committee Job Descriptions. There is a special heading that will take you right there. The existing ones are there along with the proposed ones that the board will discuss and vote on. Please look and see where you might fit in – We all have skills that will benefit our guild. We are always looking for folks to pitch in and help!

Should you have any suggestions on things to include, please do not hesitate to let us know. The catch-all email address for our guild is: <http://allstarquilters.org/>. Your email will be forwarded to the person to respond.

**Facebook Chatter** – Members only page: If you are not already a member of our "members only" Facebook page, it is simple. Follow this link: [Facebook Chatter](#) and click on the "Join/Request to Join" button. Answer a couple of questions and your request will be reviewed and accepted. You can now join in the fun of getting to know our guild members better. **We have 105 members since it began in November 2024!**

**Remember.....Need to know something? It's on the website!**

*- Jenny Chambless*

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## Hospitality

Thanks to these members for providing refreshments at the May meeting –

Nut/Chip packs	Linda Marsh	Fruit/Veggie tray	Julie Mainor
Decadent Chocolate	Virginia Waller	Sweet or salty	Frances Hallett
Savory	Laura McNeice	2 2 liter diet drinks	Sherry Verell
Your specialty treat	Sue Blythe	2 2 liter drinks	Sharon Tomore

*-Elfriede Echt*

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## All Star History: 1998 Update

Last month I wrote about the 1998 All star QuiltFest opportunity quilt. I said I wish I had a picture of it. Guess what! Karol Blomgren, who is the Guild expert on All Star raffle quilts and even presented an excellent program about them, sent me a picture of the 1998 quilt. The picture is courtesy of Sunnie Malesky, who is another expert on all things All Star. So enjoy the 1998 All Star Hawaiian quilt, just one of many memorable All Star QuiltFest opportunity/raffle quilts.

-Vicki A. Zoller



## Education.

### June 16

**Tues following Mon. general meeting**

**Story quilt** - Presented by Kestrel Michaud

The project will be decided at the conclusion of the program on Monday, at which time she will tell you what you will need to bring.

### May 13-15

**Spring Retreat at Mandarin Baptist Church.** Already full.

### July 21

**Tuesday following the Monday general meeting**

Presented by Kathryn D'Elia

**Color Theory - go from well done to fabulous**

Bring your project materials and pattern and she will help you bring out the best with the use of color.

### August 24

**Twister.** Presented by Raney Manning. Cost: \$10.00

Class will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### September 28

**Christmas tree wall hanging and/or jumper.** Presented by Mary Anne Dennis

Cost: \$10.00. Class will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

No materials list yet.

### October 26 -30 Fall Retreat

### November 9

**Demo Day.** Cost - free. I have three presenters lined up so far:

Randy, Deb Frain, Linda Marsh.

Come on, people, I know you can share some of your secrets with the guild; we won't tell.

### Thanksgiving

### Christmas

-Jill Kelly

Classes begin at 10:00 am. unless otherwise noted.

Your Supply List is available when you sign up and also is on the Website.

## UFOs Update

Quilters, please remember to bring your completed UFOs to the May general meeting. You get a token, a chance to win a gift card, and the satisfaction of sharing your work. We want to see your UFOs!

- Mary Anne Dennis and Sherry Verell

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## Programs

April in Florida is already Spring. Let's see your Floral quilts. Any quilts with flowers. They can be modern, antique, applique, pieced...grow a new one if you want. Regular Show and Tell will also happen.

The program in May is our annual guild challenge. The theme is "Famous Women". I hope you are finishing up your masterpieces or jumping in frantically at this time. There are no size restrictions on this project ( makes it more free-form). We will, as usual, vote for our favorite 3 quilts at the specified time. The top three quiltmakers ( by vote) will be awarded a prize. All entrants will be given the opportunity to share info about their quilt. Julie Mainor is stepping in for Vicki to host the program. Thank you Julie.

In June, we have a BIG event. Kestrel Michaud , from Melbourne will do a trunk show for us. She is an internationally known quilter, with many awards for her stunning art quilts. She was the recipient of the "Best of Show" award at our last QuiltFest. This is a "MUST SEE" event, but remember seating is limited, so please do not bring guests.

My daughter, Kathryn D'Elia, will visit us in July from St Paul, Minnesota. She is doing an updated presentation on color. She presented to us a few years ago and was well recieved.

Kathryn is an award winning artist and educator. She is NOT a quilter, but is an accomplished sewist, making most of her garments.

Both of these ladies, Kestrel and Kathryn, will have longer than normal programs, so I'm asking that "show and tell" be brief for these two meetings. We will have an extended "Show and Tell" as the program for August. If you can wait to show anything you finish early this summer, August is your time to do so. Thank you.

In September, we are putting together the program featuring members' sewing rooms. Please take your pictures, at your leisure, if you signed up to participate . We need a "Jpeg" file. Pictures can be sent to Delia Bright or Karen Duffy.

Anyone participating is also asked to bring something special from their sewing room to show the group the day of the meeting. Be creative.

-Pat D'Elia





All Star members can advertise in the Gazette free of charge. "For Sale" items will run for two consecutive issues and "Services" will run every issue. If you would like to advertise here, please send your listing to [jbright414@gmail.com](mailto:jbright414@gmail.com).

## 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.**



### May

- 5 SHIRLEY CARPENTER
- 5 WENDY ROEHLKE
- 6 KITTY BARRETT
- 6 ELAINE BRETT
- 6 ANDREA PELLEGRINO
- 7 SHIRLEY SIMMONS
- 13 FRANCES HALLETT
- 16 JOHNNIE WOOLARD
- 26 TINA ELMORE
- 28 JANET BROWN
- 29 JULIE HAMMOND
- 30 NENA BIRD
- 30 CAROL HAYES

### June

- 1 DEBORAH HOLTON
- 2 ELLEN FORD
- 2 JILL KELLY
- 3 JUNE RITTSCHER
- 3 KAREN WEISMAN
- 5 SHARYN POTFAY
- 8 PATSY BEACH
- 9 CAROL GILLILAND
- 9 TERRI PAGLIONE
- 11 LORRAINE CARTER
- 12 SUE ANN RUST
- 16 LINDA HARPER
- 17 FRANNIE FLOWERS
- 19 JODY SCIULLO
- 26 SUE BOISVERT
- 26 SUNNIE MALESKY
- 26 LAURIE ROSKIND
- 27 KATHY WEISHAAR
- 30 JENNY CHAMBLESS
- 30 JOANN DAVENPORT

## General Meeting Minutes April 20, 2026 (Draft)

**Vice President Pat D'Elia** called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and reminded us to silence our cell phones. Pat asked if anyone had read the minutes. Hands were raised. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda Marsh and seconded by Linda Harper. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Pat reminded us that we saw the Raffle Quilt last month and that Raffle Quilt tickets are available.

**Deborah Pearce** reported that we are off to a good start. Pat said that we can take the tickets with us and then bring back the money and that the tickets will be available for us to pick up before and after the meeting.

Pat informed the Membership that the church is closing its doors on June 30, 2026 and that we are not sure about July. The Board has been working on finding a space, but so far we have not found a new place for us to meet. We are good through June 30th. We are not sure at this point about July. So, if anyone has some place in mind, please let someone on the Board know.

Keeping in mind that we will need a space large enough to accommodate 100 people. We will need the use of the space every Monday and we also will need storage space. She told us that we would probably prefer to stay within this same area. She took a few questions: Do we need to keep the meeting day on Mondays? Or are we flexible on the day? Gloria Hart thinks that we may need to be flexible in regard to our meeting day. Pat said that for now we are trying to keep it on Monday. But, we may reach the point where don't have a choice. The place we are looking for does not need to be a church. It does need to hold 100 people and ideally have kitchen space. For the Board meeting and classes we may not need this much space, but for the General meeting's we will need the larger space. Gloria received an email telling of a possible meeting place on Beach Blvd. If anyone has any questions or suggestions they can contact President Delia Bright, or Pat or anyone on the board. Ole Olson asked about maybe the VFW. Pat asked, "VFW, where?" Ole told us that they are all over the place.

### Officer Reports:

**Vice President Pat D'Elia – Programs** – Today, first is Flower Power - The Flower quilts will be first and then Show and Tell will be separate. In May we will have the Guild Challenge and the theme for that is Famous Women." Vicki Zoller, who usually runs the Challenge will be unable to this time. So, Pat asked Julie Mainor to take care of the program in **May** - and she has agreed. For those that are going to show their quilts, Pat advised that they be here early so the quilts can be arranged and numbers given to the quilt owners. After the presentation, the members will be given the opportunity to choose their 3 favorites. The votes will be tallied and the top three winners will receive a prize. We will not have the Library or the Community Service Table that day. Pat asked that this be put in the newsletter. We will have class sign up, and anything else that needs to be set up will be on the other side of the room. Though there will be only 3 winners, everyone will have the opportunity to stand by their quilts and explain what it is and how they came up with it, their ideas. So, we will a good program of explanations of all these different quilts.

**June – Kestrel Michaud** from Melbourne - This is the big program of the year and it will be wonderful. Her program will be longer than our usual programs. Plus there will be a class the next day. We will have a shortened business meeting and Show and Tell will be for only those

quilts that have to be shown for some valid, specific reason. Example: they have to be mailed before the next General Meeting.

**July – Kathryn D’Elia** – will present a program on Color and this program is longer than usual. Plus there will be a class the next day. So, again there will be no Show and Tell unless the items need to be shown for a valid, specific reason.

**Recording Secretary – Angela Moore** – nothing to add at this time.

**Treasurer – Gloria Hart** – Beginning Balance is \$10,699.13, Income \$601.45, Expenses 270.48, New Balance \$11,033.10. She needs someone to volunteer to sell the Raffle Tickets. Sue Blythe volunteered.

**Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Lumpiesz** – 2 cards were sent out.

#### **Committees:**

**Road Trips - Ellen Cannon** – She needs a head count so she can notify the shop in case they need to get extra people in to help us. She is passing around a clip board for those that are going can give their name and whether they are driving, riding or meeting at the shop. Meet at Target on San Jose for the trip to Sew Many Things in Mt Dora.

**Winter Retreat – Pris Roehm** is looking for other places to have retreat. She is passing around a survey for Winter Retreat to get an idea of what people are wanting. She asked that it please be returned it her today. We’ve gone to Luther Springs in the past and that is still a possibility.

**Community Service – Joann Davenport** – There will not be a Fabric Table in May. Sharon Buquo asked her to ask if anyone would be interested in putting a community quilt together? All of the pieces are in it and the batting and binding will be included. She did get a volunteer. Also, we will be collecting for Food Bank in June.

**Education - Jill Kelly** – Class on Monday, Twisted Pole class. Sign-up is still open. There will be no class in **May** because of the Spring Retreat. **June** – there will be a class the Tuesday after the General Meeting, Kestrel Michaud will be teaching a class from 9 am to 3 pm. **July - Kathryn D’Elia** is teaching a class in color. The location for the class is still up in the air. **August - Raney Manning** – Raney has a pattern called Twister. It’s kind of neat. It’s offset squares. **December** is Christmas Tree Table Runner or Jumper – **Mary Anne Dennis**. Mary Anne will be getting a materials list to Jill soon. **October** – Winter Retreat. **November** is Thanksgiving. **December** is Christmas. The next class will be in **January 2027**.

Fall Retreat – nothing yet.

**Featured Quilter – Linda Marsh – Frannie Flowers** – was born in New Jersey. Raney invited Frannie to come to All-Star about 4 years ago. The story is in the Newsletter.

**Hospitality - Elfriede Echt** – Thanked everybody that brought delicious food.

**Library – Patti Campioni** – There will be no library in May. If anyone has a book to return, drop it off with her and she’ll make sure it’s checked back in. She picked up several books from the Free Table. Patti asked if anyone has books that you’re not interested in anymore, drop them by the library. She will put a list of the new books in the newsletter. If anyone has an idea for a new purchase for the library, there is a suggestion box out on the table. Just drop her a note. Shirley offered to pick up any books left on the free table and give them to Patti.

**Media – Jenny Chambless** - Information is on the Website.

**Newsletter – Jane Flesher** – Nothing to add.

**Membership – Susan Sharpe** – We have 154 members. There 88 members present today, plus 5 new members, Shawn Patton, Donda Johnson, Dori Almond, Hillary Morgan and Mary Furlong. That comes to 93 members present. **Jenny Chambless** – a Supplement will go out. Susan – QuiltFest – re: jobs and how we can help with QuiltFest. Registration is open for Quilt submission. The quilt does not need be finished in order to register it. Susan asked that we

register our quilts early in order to avoid a big crunch later on. When registering a quilt you'll need to provide a little information about the quilt and the size. Membership drawing winners are Linda McClelland and LeighAnn McGuigan.

**Passion Projects – Randy Powers** – Our Passion Project is a fundraiser quilt. We have about 80 blocks and we need 190. More were turned in this morning and we need to make sure they are squared up. Shirley Carpenter (our Master Designer) volunteered to machine embroider the names onto the squares. Randy turned in \$28.00 today. They will be at the table every month and you can put your name, or the name of someone else, birthdays, anniversaries. Or for a spouse or significant other, or for someone that has passed away - their name and the month and year of birth, and month and year of death. The donation is \$1.00 per line. The quilt will be raffled off in December. The winner, whoever sells the most tickets will have their Guild dues paid for 2027. In order for the raffle tickets to be legal, there has to be an expiration date on the ticket and also specific verbiage is required on the back of the ticket. We can sell them outside of the guild. Raffle tickets will sell for 3 for \$5.00. Next month they will show the blocks.

**Honor Flight – Sharon Buquo** - Thanked to those that made the Honor Flight Quilts. She has them up for display. She has heard a rumor and she will verify that they will be doing a larger Honor Flight in the fall. She will be needing more quilts for the fall.

**Boutique for QuiltFest - Deb Frain** – the boutique is going into its third year. She is mentioning this so we can start our projects that we want to sell. In a month or two, she'll have the forms for us to pick up at the meeting on how to price the items and what procedures we need to follow. All the details will be on there. If we have questions, we can speak with Deb. She wanted to let us know that we are having the boutique for the third year. Expectations are that the boutique will continue to grow. Quilt related items only, no knitting or crochet. They will begin having meeting within the next few weeks to iron out some of the details. There are seven guilds that put on QuiltFest every year. As members of those seven guilds we can make things that can be made on a sewing machine and put them in the Boutique to sell. We get 85% of the money back and the other 15% goes to QuiltFest to offset some of the expenses of putting on QuiltFest. The kind of items can be wide open; it does not have to be a quilt. Examples : Christmas ornaments, anything you can make on a sewing machine. There's a huge variety of things that can be made. There will be more information over the next few months.

**Quilts of Valor - Randy Powers** – on Saturday he presented a quilt to a guy in Green Cove Springs in the park. There were about 10 people and it was a nice time. A couple of ladies that made the quilt are coming from Portsmouth, VA for the month of May. He is going to a buddies share at a community center here in Jacksonville. Then last month he told us he gave Samantha Howell a check for \$ 700.00. We were donate 2 Quilts of Valor. He turned in another \$30.00 check and the next month he's got another \$20.00. So, we've had \$750.00 donated.

**Sit and Stitch – LeighAnn McGuigan** – Sit and Stitch will be May 11 and May 28. We can still sign up for Block of the Month and catch up. The next Sit and Stitch will be 2 blocks.

**UFO's - Mary Anne Dennis** – UFO's must have been started before December 31, 2024. A token that was specially made by several of our people here, will be given for each completed UFO. When signing in for Show and Tell, be sure to indicate that it is a UFO. Get a card because in November, you'll need to show your card to get your name in the drawing for whoever makes the most. So, make sure you get that card punched.

**Today's Program Flower Power Quilts – Floral quilts**

**Show and Tell:** Pat D'Elia, Pris Roehm, Valerie Harper, Iris Hunton, Sharon Buquo, Nancy Tomore,  
Maria Taronji, Adriane Elwood, Mary Anne Dennis, Sunnie Malesky, Liz Dailey, Marsh Bookstaver

Next Board Meeting – May 4, 2026  
Next General Meeting – May 18, 2026

Vice President Pat D'Elia called the meeting adjourned at 11:43 am

Respectfully Submitted

Angela Moore

Recording Secretary