

The All Star Gazette

Sept 2026 **Meeting** **Dates**

September Meetings - Springs Church, 900 Park Avenue, Orange Park.

Sept 7 **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am.

Sept 14 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am.

Sept 21 **General Meeting.** 10:00. Social Time 9:30. "Show Us Your Sewing Room"

Sept 28 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am.

Sept 14 **Meeting** **Notes**

Treasure Table is OPEN. Library and Fabric Table will NOT be available.

50/50 Raffle - Split the pot with your guild. August winner took home **\$117.00.**

Food Bank Dropoff - Support the Mandarin Food Bank. Maria will be collecting in the parking lot before the meeting.



Upcoming **Programs**

October - Brown Bag Challenge Reveal.

November - Quilt Talk with Sunnie Malesky

December - Christmas Party!

All-Star **Entries at** **QuiltFest**

I SPY All-Stars!

All Stars have entered about 50 quilts in QuiltFest this year. Think you can find them all? To help you out, I am putting together the 'I SPY' list for 2026. You can pick it up at the guild table at QuiltFest. Have fun and enjoy the show. --Karol Blomgren



Classes and **Events**

Class Supply Lists are available at sign up and on the All-Star Website

Sept 17 - 19 QuiltFest

Sept 28 Christmas Tree Wall-Hanging/Jumper. Mary Anne Dennis. \$10.
Class is 9:00 - 12:00 at Springs Church. Questions, call 904-705-5194.

Oct 26 - 30 Fall Retreat.

Nov 9 Demo Day

Communications/Website

You might be asking yourself....

"Where can I find . . ."

Officer and board member names and email addresses – with clickable links?

A copy of the bylaws?

The ASQG calendar of events?

The member directory?

Past newsletters?

Previous "Show and Tell" photos?

Info about classes?

Retreat information?

How to sign up for QuiltFest?

Info about Community Service and the charities that ASQG supports?

Job descriptions for Officers and Board members?

Info about Quilts of Valor?

A listing of the books and materials available in the ASQG Lending Library?



- Jenny Chambless

Financial Report *August 1 – August 31, 2026*

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,053.62
Income	5,195.10 *
Expenses	(240.55)
Ending Balance	\$ 15,891.17

* Includes \$4,505.00 collected for Fall Retreat to be used only for Retreat expenses.

-Gloria Hart, Treasurer

All-Star History: September 1989

Let's hop on the "Way-back machine" and see what the All Stars were up to in September 1989. There was no QuiltFest, but All Stars were still busy. At the general meeting the first annual block contest took place and there was a fabric exchange of back-to-school plaids. An Advanced Study Group held their first meeting one Monday. A few days after that, there was a Hidden Wells class, and later in the month a Beginners' Quilting Class took class. All Stars certainly were busy!

In the newsletter there was a recipe for Marinated Mushrooms. Maybe our current newsletter could include a recipe for some of the delicious goodies offered at our general meetings. Who doesn't need one more recipe for an indulgent treat!

Here are two items in the newsletter that are blasts from the past. A quilters' tip was to use a plastic lid to make a template. Templates are just not as popular today as they were in 1989. And the current book available from the Guild library was one by Georgia Bonesteel. My goodness— if you remember Georgia Bonesteel and lap quilting, you have been quilting quite a while.

New classes, techniques, and activities have come on the quilting scene, but All Stars are still going strong!

-Vicki A. Zoller

Featured Quilter - 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



Library

Hello Everyone from the Library Lady,

I am very sad to announce that this will be my very last Newsletter article. Due to a personal family situation, *I am stepping down as your Librarian* effective immediately. I spend a good deal of time volunteering at my Granddaughter's elementary school. I truly feel that working with the young ones is what I have been called to do these last 5 years. With that in mind, I want to spend more time helping the wonderful educators at Pine Forest School of the Arts.

Librarian is probably the least time consuming position in the Guild. It's an excellent opportunity to get your feet wet and be of service to our membership. And of course, I will be very happy to train my replacement. Until we have storage at our permanent location, there will not be an onsite Library. So, now is an excellent time to step up. If you are interested, please let Delia know. You can also return any outstanding Library books to her if I am not able to attend a meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

With sincere thanks to all of you,

--Patty Campioni

SHOW US YOUR STAR QUILT!

The Quilt Chat November program is looking for Star quilts! Could be any star pattern, or anything that looks like a star.

All techniques and styles are welcome!

It's easy to participate: helpers will hold your quilt while you have a nice chat about it in seated comfort.

No need to prepare, Sunnie will interview you and make some friendly observations. NO judging! Just sharing! We want to see your quilt(s)!

If you'd like to be part of this fun program that features lots of quilts, stories, and tips, contact Sunnie Malesky at sunsky@comcast.net

--Sunnie Malesky



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You can contact any Board Member by email at –
info@allstarquilters.com

UFOs 2026

Attention quilters! There are only a few months left for you to finish UFOs for the contest.

Remember to show your finished UFO at Show and Tell, and be sure to get your card punched at the general meetings. Get busy! There are prizes for your hard work if you turn in the most UFOs this year, along with one prize just for participating.

--Mary Anne Dennis

Ways and Means

"Mug Rugs"

For the next several months we are asking each member to make and donate a mug rug for us to sell @ \$5 ea. to go to our treasury. We realize not everyone may make one but several members are or have made more than one already. There is no set theme: pieced design, a star, a maple leaf for fall, your favorite sayings, Christmas ideas, etc. the variety of the mug rugs will be amazing!

Please bring your mug rug to the general meeting in September or the next months and we will start selling them at our regular meetings. Any questions please give me a call.

--Mary Anne Dennis 904-705-5194

PECANS

Ready or not the holidays are coming. Our guild is going to sell pecans as a way to puff up our bank account. These pecans are fresh 2026 season shelled pecans. They are great for baking, toasting, or just snacking. The pecans will be in pound bags. Do you need a gift for a neighbor, friend, or worker? Here is your answer, everyone loves getting food items. These pecan freeze very well. I am using some now that I froze last fall. We will start taking orders at the September 21st meeting. They will be delivered in November just in time for Thanksgiving.

The price will be \$12.50 a pound. You may order pecan halves or pieces. We will have an order station setup before & after the meeting in September and October. Checks made payable to All Stars or cash.

Please ask your family or friends if they would like to order.

--Ellen Cannon

Hospitality - September

Decadent chocolate - Patty Campioni

Sweet or salty - Deb Frain

-Elfriede Echt

Fruit or veggie tray - Gloria Hart

2 - 2 liter drinks - Trisha Gros

Community Service

Mandarin Food Bank – This month is Donation month. The kiddos are back in school and coming home hungry. Items to donate: healthy snacks, paper goods such toilet paper and paper towels, soap both kitchen and bar, shampoo, etc. And of course, cash and checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to the Mandarin Food Bank.

October is Mystery Bag Quilt reveal. We can't wait to see what everyone has created.

Batting Requests – Reach out to Sharon Buquo via text or email.

Community Service Team –

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Johnnie Wollard – Fabric Table

Randy Powers – Quilt Delivery

Maria Tarjonji – Food Bank

Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

-Joann Davenport



Membership

Eighty-four members of All Star Quilters' Guild attended the General Meeting on August 17, 2026, at The Springs Church, 900 Park Ave (Hwy 17), Orange Park, FL. We had one guest and two new members: Maria Rodriguez and Anna Varner. The number of recorded members in All Star Quilters' Guild is now 162.

***Note:** The Springs Church, 900 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL, is where our Guild will now meet. If I haven't taken your picture for the Membership Directory, please see me when you sign in for the meeting. Hope to see all of you there. If you have any questions, please contact me, Sheron or Bobbie.

-Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw

Winter Retreat 2027

Winter retreat is happening again at Luther Springs in Hawthorne, Florida.

The dates are Monday, February 8th through Friday, the 12th.

We have 15 spaces. Sign up will begin at the September general meeting. The cost is \$340.00, that includes 3 meal a day, your room, and sewing space. All your bedding and towels are included. Two people to a room. Check in is at 11:00 AM, check out on Friday is 10:00 AM.

To sign up a \$50.00 deposit will be required.

The remaining \$290.00 must be paid by the 15th of January. Please remember unless we have a waiting list this money is non refundable. That is not a new policy. Refunds are never given unless there is a waiting list or the retreat is canceled by the guild or retreat center

--Ellen Cannon



Sew Much Fun - our Fall Retreat is coming soon, October 26 - 30, 2026 to be exact. And you don't want to miss the fun we have because we truly do have **Sew Much Fun!** The total cost for the week is \$395, which includes 4 nights deluxe lodgings, 12 gourmet meals, which you don't have to cook or clean up after, great sewing time, great fellowship with some awesome people, and a few surprises throughout the week. We have a few spaces left, so don't delay. Registration Forms are available on our website. You may also pick up a form from Sherry Verell or Sharon Tomore at our General Meeting.

For those of you who have already registered... A reminder that final payment is due by the General Meeting, October 19th. ***A special request...*** We are asking you to furnish us with a photograph of yourself. The photograph needs to show you as a baby up to the age of 3. These photographs are needed as soon as possible. Not to worry, these pictures will not be sent to the *National Enquirer* and will be returned to you by the end of Retreat. This will be **Sew Much Fun!**

If you have any questions please contact your Retreat Directors, Sherry Verell (904) 662-8429 or Sharon Tomore (904) 635-9210. We know you will have **Sew Much Fun!**

--Sharon Tomore



Sit and Stitch

All Sit and Stitch events will be held at the Springs Church in Orange Park. Dates and times will be the same. If you have any questions, please contact LeighAnn McGuigan.

Programs

September is the "Sewing room reveal". Members have signed up to bring us into their sewing spaces for a brief look. If you are on the list, you will be contacted soon. Delia and Karen will be producing a slide show for our entertainment. Submit pictures in the "Jpeg" format.



Also, bring your favorite sewing "tool" to the meeting. We are interested in whatever special tools you find helpful. It might start a "thing"!

October is our Annual "Brown Bag Challenge Reveal". We can't wait to see what you've done with the lovely assortment of odds and ends the Community Service folks put in those bags.

It is always amazing. The quilts will be donated to Community Service at the end of the meeting. Many recipients will benefit from your creative efforts. Thank you.

In November, Sunnie Malesky will lead her fun and informative "Talk on a Quilt Topic". She has chosen "Star quilts" this time. If you have an interesting "Star" quilt, please let her know. There are so many different star blocks out there. I'm sure we will all enjoy this.

In December, we will again have a Holiday themed program, with goodies and festive atmosphere. I'll pull together a planning committee soon. If you'd like to help, let me know.

--Pat D'Elia

Services by your Guild members

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.**



September

- 2 JULIE MAINOR
- 4 BONNIE HELM
- 6 PHYLLIS BILLINGS
- 7 AMY JOHNSON
- 7 SHERRY VERELL
- 10 LEIGH ANN MCGUIGAN
- 10 VICKI ZOLLER
- 17 BOBBIE REDSHAW
- 17 KATHERINE THOMPSON
- 18 LESLIE MOELLER
- 19 NANCY TOMER
- 22 LINDA MARSH
- 29 SHIRLEY THOMPSON