All Star Gazette

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October 2026 Meeting Dates and Times

Springs Church, 900 Park Ave., Orange Park

October 5 Board Meeting, 10:00 am
October 12 Sit and Stitch, 10:00 am
October 19 General Meeting, 10:00 am, Social Time 9:30 am
(Brown Bag Challenge Reveal)
October 25 Sit and Stitch, 10:00 am

Upcoming Programs

October – Brown Bag Challenge Reveal
November - Quilt Talk with Sunnie Malesky
December - Christmas Party!



Classes and Events

October 26 -30 Fall Retreat
November 9 Demo Day, 10:00 am

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 star. All techniques and styles are welcome. It is easy to participate: helpers will hold your quilt while you give a nice chat about the quilt while in seated comfort. No need to prepare, Sunnie will interview you and make some friendly observations. NO judging! We want to see your quilt(s)! If you would like to be a part of this fun program that features lots of quilts, stories, ad tips, contact Sunnie Malesky at sunsky@comcast.ne.

--Sunnie Malesky

WAYS AND MEANS

Mug Rugs

We've had a good start on the mug rugs. We've received a great selection from everyone so far but we could still use a few more possibly Fall or Christmas type of mug rugs. We have plenty of Gators and Jaguars but maybe a few more of the others would be good also. Some of the quilted ones would go a long way and a few fishing ones too.
Thank you to all who have donated some more than just a few. We would meet our goal if everyone bought at least one!
--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, and snacking. Do you need a gift for a neighbor friend, or worker? Here is your answer, everyone loves getting food items. These pecans freeze very well. I am using some now that I froze last fall. We will be taking orders at the October 19th 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 set up before and after the meeting in October. Checks made payable to All Stars or cash.

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

HOSPITALITY – OCTOBER

Chips/Nut packs – Maureen Orr
Decadent chocolate – Deb Frain
Fruit or Veggie tray – Jill Kelly
Your Specialty Treat – Sharon Tomore
Sweet or salty – Lynne Turpin
Two - 2 liter drinks – Barbara Lumpiesz

Thank you! -Elfriede Echt

Cards sent - September

Maureen Orr - Sympathy card
Andrea Pellegrino - Sympathy card
Sympathy card to the Burd family with the loss of our longtime member Carol Burd.

Please remember to send me a message if you know of a member in need of being remembered with an encouraging card.
Terri Chamberlain
terri@plusmark.com
904-629-7558

MEMBERSHIP

Eighty-three members of All Star Quilters' Guild attended the General Meeting on September 21, 2026, at The Springs church, 900 Park Avenue (Hwy 17), Orange Park, FL. We had four guests and two new members: Ellen Siler and Rose Hornbuckle.
The number of recorded members in All Star Quilters' Guild is now 164.

*Note: The Springs Church, 900 Park Avenue, 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*

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Thank you!
--Elfriede Echt

LIBRARY

The library will be open for the October General meeting. *Come and check us out!*

--Donna Caldarise and Iris Hunton

Featured Quilter for October is Julie Mainor



Julie is originally from Yulee, Florida, and has lived in the Lakewood neighborhood of Jacksonville, as well as Kingsland, Georgia. She currently lives in Sanford, Florida and drives 2 hours to come to a guild meeting.

Julie has been quilting since the mid-1990s. Her mom was very artistic and talented, and Julie learned to quilt when Julie and her mother began attending guild meetings. One of Julie's early quilt projects was a self-portrait she drew with crayons, pencils and other mediums, using different techniques. She converted that drawing to a quilt as it had a top, batting and backing. Sunnie Malesky and other guild members encouraged Julie a great when she was working on her self-portrait quilt. That was Julie's first quilt, and she has lost track of where that self-portrait quilt is today.

What Julie likes most about All Stars is the lack of judgment of a member's quilting skills. Julie says our members love all quilts, and cheer as much for a 9-patch quilt as they do for a paper-pieced medallion quilt.

Julie does not currently belong to any other quilt guilds or clubs as Sanford does not have any. She is trying to remedy that by starting a "sit and sew" group.

Julie's mom had many talents, i.e. seamstress, quilter and artist, and gave her children permission to be messy when they attempted one of the arts. Some of Julie's other hobbies include working with clay, beads, yarn and other mediums.

Julie has brought a quilt to share with us today called "Secrets of the Suwannee". It was made for and entered the Summer Exhibit at the Museum of Natural History and became part of their show.

Julie is normally a gregarious and talkative person, but most loves quiet time to be alone and sew.

QuiltFest 2026

QuiltFest 2026 is in the books. It was a great show! There were lots of good things happening to All Stars at this show. It all started with judging. Three and a half days of intense studying four hundred quilts. Oh my, what a big job! Then the volunteers had to get them all hanging in the right place with the right owners name.

Our raffle quilt won a third place in collaborative quilts. A big congratulations to our quilt mother, Vicki Zoller and everyone that worked on the quilt. Then it was very exciting to find out a member of our guild won the quilt. Linda Marsh we are so happy for you.

Congratulations to all of the All Stars winning ribbons. As you walked through the show it was hard to choose your favorite. We have such a talented guild. Thank you for entering your quilts.

The vendors were plentiful and had everything imaginable to entice you to spend money. This was the largest selection of vendors since before Covid. The big THANK YOU goes to all the volunteers. There would not be a QuiltFest without the volunteers. The QuiltFest board does an amazing job. All Stars has six members on that board.

Silent Auction had over 200 items for sale. All proceeds will be donated to V for Victory.

Quilter Walk had 91 baskets and one of our members won a big one. The Quilt Sale Room had a wonderful year and many of our members sold quilts. The Boutique did very well by selling over 1100 items.

Once again, thank you for volunteering.

All Star History: Thank you, Karol, and A Short Detour

We all love viewing the wonderful quilts at QuiltFest, and for many years All Stars has had a personal guide to find all the quilts made by members of our guild.

For almost 20 years, Karol *Blomgren* has compiled a list of all the quilts made by All Stars. Some of our members belong to other Guilds, and Karol has managed to track down their quilts, even if they were turned in under the name of another Guild. I am sure we have all discovered beautiful All-Star quilts that we might have missed had it not been for Karol's "scavenger hunt".

In addition to being a guide to All Star QuiltFest quilts, Karol makes a display board with pictures of all of our quilts and a tiny ribbon representing awards our quilts received. At the September meeting following QuiltFest there are always many Guild members gathered around the display board, locating their quilts and those of others. This is especially a great service to provide for those who were unable to attend QuiltFest.

Karol is also the go-to person for the history of the All Stars' raffle quilts. In 2019 she did a great program about our raffle quilts, with many pictures, information about ribbons the quilts won, and quilts that were won by All Stars. Any future program would include this year's raffle quilt, Sliding Selvages, which was won by our own Linda Marsh. Thank you so much, Karol, for enriching the QuiltFest experience and bringing a bit of QuiltFest to our September meetings. We appreciate all your hard work.

Now for a short detour. I recently read a very informative book about creativity, Move Slow and Make Things by Marian Parsons. Although Marian is a decorator and artistic painter, her words about creativity ring true for quilters too. If you feel that your quilts may have been judged harshly or inaccurately recently, take these words from Marian to heart.

"However important or unimportant you feel your creative work is, it matters. It's a part of the mark you leave behind on this world. Even if your work is never celebrated by others or your work is never made public, it matters. It matters what it does for your heart. It all matters." And these wise words: "Take criticism into account, filter it, weigh it. If applicable, implement the suggestions— but don't take criticism to heart."

Take joy in your quilting!

--Vicki A. Zoller

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has concluded our search for candidates needed for the ballot and wants to remind you that nominations are still open and will be taken from the floor at the October meeting. (Check your by-laws for necessary steps if you plan to nominate anyone from the floor.)

Election of officers for 2027 will be held on Monday, October 19 during the General Meeting. We want to thank everyone who has stepped up to serve All Star Quilters Guild and take us into the future.

The following is the list of candidates:

President …… Mary Anne Dennis
Vice President …… Wendy Roehlke
Treasurer …… Sharon Tomore
Recording Secretary…….. Randy Powers
Corresponding Secretary …. Terri Chamberlain

A big thank you to the Nominating Committee members, Barbara Lumpiez, Deborah Pearce, and (humbly) myself.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

8 DEB FRAIN
8 MARTHA HANN
9 DAPHINE MOERLER
10 JOYCE SHARIFI
19 VONDA EMORY
23 LIZ STALEY
24 KAROL BLOMGREN
25 DIANE MANGRUM
27 DELIA BRIGHT
28 JUNE DANIELS
31 DIANA OLIVER



If anyone is interested in putting a quilt in the Stephen Foster Quilt Show of Oct 16-17… I will be taking mine to turn in on the last day, Saturday the 10th. Must register online by Saturday, October 10th. Fee is $5 per quilt to enter. You may indicate you want to sell your quilt. It is a judged show. On last day I'll be at the show til it's over to pick up any quilts.
Call them at 386-397-4478 if you have questions.

Let me know if you want me to transport any quilts.
Call me at (904) 705-5194
-- Mary Anne Dennis

For Sale:

Two featherweight for sale! One is a 221k made in Scotland. Missing light assembly and in poorish cosmetic shape. Runs well. One is pretty! But something amiss with the bobbin hook, it spins and spins. I'm sure it's simple. But it's not a priority for me. The bottom plate (is there supposed to be one?) is missing.

$300 each or both for $500

Email or call for more info and pics.
--Julie Mainor
904-571-9172

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**.

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President Delia Bright called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

Delia asked if anyone had read the August 17, 2026 General Meeting Minutes. Elfriede Echt made a motion to accept the minutes, and Jill Kelly seconded. The members voted, and the motion passed.
The Board met on September 7, 2026, and voted to make The Springs Church our new home. Delia sincerely thanked the Relocation Committee for their hard work. We have use of the facilities on the four Mondays of the month. The General Meetings will be in the Friendship Hall unless we are upgraded to this room. We have kitchen access here, and there is also a kitchen at the Friendship Hall.- The Board Meeting, Classes, and Sit and Stitch will be in the Game Room. We have more space than the classroom, good lighting, and kitchen facilities with a microwave. If you need more information about Sit and Stitch, you can speak with LeighAnn McGuigan.

Nominating Committee – Laura Rowe – Before the July 2026 meeting, President Delia made calls to establish a Nominating Committee to identify potential candidates for the 2027 slate of officers for President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary. All other Officer positions were already filled by persons who intended to continue their jobs through 2027. Barbara Lumpiesz volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. Laura Rowe and Deborah Pearce volunteered to help. Barbara gave a list to Laura and Deborah at the July General Meeting. They split the list and called members on their portion, except those known to have circumstances that would prevent them from serving at this time. As of the August 17, 2026 General Meeting, no potential candidates had been identified. Barbara presented this information to the membership and asked anyone interested in filling any of these three positions to please call her. Candidates stepped forward, and Barbara resigned her position as chair of the nominating committee and as Corresponding Secretary. Laura stepped in as chair of the nominating committee. Laura confirmed with each candidate and confirmed their intention to be nominated for their chosen positions. At the September 7

Board Meeting, the Board accepted the following slate of candidates for officers for 2027. For President - Mary Anne Dennis, Vice President - Wendy Roehlke, and Recording Secretary - Randy Powers. Terri Chamberlain volunteered as Corresponding Secretary for the remainder of 2026 and to be a candidate for this position for 2027. Gloria Hart advised that she would finish her 2026 term as Treasurer but would not continue for 2027. We need volunteers to be candidates for the Treasurer's position in2027.
Vice President – Pat D'Elia - Today's program is a slideshow of our sewing rooms, presented by Karen Duffy. In October, we will have the Brown Bag Challenge Reveal. Sunnie Malesky will lead that presentation. In November, Sunnie will host her Fireside Chat. The topic will be Star Quilts. Contact Sunnie if you have a Star Quilt to share. In December, we will hold our Holiday Extravaganza. We will celebrate all the December holidays. She asked some members to share their holiday celebrations. Pat asked for volunteers to help organize the December meeting. We will begin selling luncheon tickets for our December luncheon at our October general meeting. She reminded us to bring our luncheon money to the October meeting, and she will continue to collect through the beginning of the December meeting. We will keep the price at $7.00 per member for your lunch, and the guild will pay the difference. We have received several donations in the past to cover the difference between the actual cost and the $7.00 that we pay. We will hold our guild birthday party in January 2027.
Treasurer - Gloria Hart – Beginning Balance: $11,053.62 Income: $5,078.10 Expenses: $240.55 Ending Balance: $15,891.17. She is stepping down as of the January 2027 meeting. If someone would like to volunteer for the position, she has offered to walk them through every step of the job for the next 4 months.
Corresponding Secretary – Terri Chamberlain is not present. Sunnie told us there were 3 cards sent to members.
Committee Chairs Round Table –
Community Service – Joann Davenport - $205.00 in food donations. Cash and check donations were $880.00. Total Food Bank donations were $1,085.00. We will be taking it to the Mandarin Food Bank. Our next collection will be in November. Please remember them, as it will be around the holidays, and people really appreciate your help. She is stepping down from her position and leaving the guild at the end of this year. The Community Service Chair position will be vacant. She gave the names and areas of expertise of the

individuals who make up this great team. Sharon Buquo and Johnnie Woolard attend the fabric table, Randy delivers quilts, and Maria Taronji handles the food bank. Joann handles the newsletter items and helps out wherever she is needed. Contact Delia if you are interested in filling Joann's position.
Delia read the list of available Committee Chair positions for 2027 and what they entail.
1) Community Service, 2) Education, 3) Librarian, 4) Newsletter Editor, and 5) Ways and Means. She asked members to think about how they could help the guild. Delia again asked members to consider volunteering to fill these available positions.

Newsletter Editor - Linda Daniels volunteered;
Ways and Means – Pat D'Elia Volunteered;
Library – Donna and Iris Hunton volunteered.
Education - Ellen Cannon and Pris Roehm volunteered.
Publicity – Sondie Frus stepped down. But will be willing to help the new Publicity chair.
We still need: Community Service and Communication, Emails, and Website.

Education – Jill Kelly – Our last class is the Christmas Tree Skirt, Wall Hanging, or Jumper, taught by Mary Anne Dennis this next Monday. Demo Day will be on November 9th. We have 7 people lined up to demonstrate tips and tricks of the trade. We will be split up into 7 groups. Each Demo will be 20 minutes, then we will move on to the next Demo. Plan to arrive by 9:30 am. to set up in the game room.
Fall Retreat – Sharon Tomore – Fall Retreat will be the last week of October, from the 27th to the 30th. We have 4 spaces left. It is $395.00 for 5 days, 4 nights, and 12 meals. Final payment is due by the October General Meeting.
Featured Quilter – Linda Marsh – Johnnie Wollard – She began quilting in 1965. Her mother taught her to hand-sew at the age of 4 and to use a sewing machine at 5. Johnnie also belongs to the Coastal Quilt Guild. She met some All Star members and joined our guild about 2 ½ years ago.
Hospitality – Elfriede Echt – She thanked everyone who brought goodies. She also gave a shout-out to everyone who helped with the All Star quilt sale table.

Membership – Susan Sharpe – 76 members present, 4 guests and 2 new members: Rose Hornbuckle and Ellen Siler. Today's Raffle Winners are Marsha Bookstaver and Diana Oliver.

Quilt Mother - Vicki Zoller - Linda Marsh won our raffle quilt. Vicki's reign as Quilt Mother is over. Adrianne Elwood is our next Quilt Mother. Vicki thanked everyone who worked on the quilt.

QuiltFest – Ellen Cannon – QuiltFest is over. We received many ribbons and accolades. Many quilts were sold by our guild members. The Boutique took in $11,450.00. We had 6 buses this year. It took 1 hour and 18 minutes to take down the Boutique. All kits were sold.
Ellen told us she will take orders for shelled pecans at the October Board and General meetings in October. They will be here by the November general meeting. They are $12.50 per pound and will arrive before Thanksgiving. They are a 2026 crop.
Winter Retreat – Pris Roehm – They decided that they really wanted us after all. It will be February 8 -12.

There is only 1 spot left. She suggested that anyone else who wants to go sign up on the waiting list.
We arrive on Monday, February 8, and check-in is at 11 am. The deposit is $50.00. The remaining $290.00 is due by January 15, 2027. The total cost is $340.00. This includes 3 meals per day, your room, sewing space, and bed, including all bedding and towels. There will be 2 people per room; check-in is at 11 am, and check-out is Friday at 10 am. The policy is no refund unless there is a waiting list and they fill your space.

Sit and Stitch – LeighAnn McGuigan – Thanked Randy Powers for getting us the larger room. Wonderful turnout for Sit and Stitch last time. We have lots of space! Sunnie will do a Mystery Quilt beginning in January 2027. Randy has a whole bunch of neat ideas to tell us about. LeighAnn has worked the QuiltFest Quilt Sale table every year, and she was stunned at what we sold this year. So, if you have finished or unfinished quilts or UFO tops and they won't compete with any vendor, bring them in. We'll do our best to sell them. October Sit and Stitch will be on the 12th. November 9 will be our DEMO Day, and the 23rd and 30th will be Sit and Stitches. Then, December 14th and 28th will be Sit and

Stitches. If you have big projects, you can spread them out on the floor or the tables. Delia added that we can bring our lunch and we have access to the kitchen, refrigerator, and a microwave.

Treasure Table – Shirley Carpenter – The items on the Treasure Table (aka: Freebee Table) are all free. Bring in anything you no longer want to do, sewing-related or something you think one of us might like. At the end of the day, take home whatever was not adopted. Delia said we will probably continue using the big table in the entrance room. That will give us more room to spread out.

UFO – Mary Anne Dennis – In November, we will begin using the cards to track your completed UFO's. We also have these really neat "wooden nickels" made by some of our most artistic members that you can collect for the UFO's you complete. We will have one drawing for the most UFO's completed, and another drawing that will include everyone who has completed any UFO's. We will be tracking the UFOs through December. They have been collecting mug rugs and selling them as fast as they can be collected. Mary Anne is asking us to not only make mug rugs but also to buy one for $5.00. This is for Ways and Means.
Quilts of Valor – Samantha Howell – In November, a lot of people start to think about Quilts of Valor and begin nominating. She has several quilt tops and is asking for volunteers to quilt them on their domestic machines; she will bring sandwiches. She may be asking for some to be taken home to quilt and brought back in November so she will have some ready for December. She thanked everyone for their support. They did have one presentation at QuiltFest this year. Samantha's daughter-in-law sang the National Anthem. When she began singing, everyone stopped moving and listened.

Ways and Means - 50/50 – The winner won $91.00

Honor Flight – Sharon Buquo - We have 22 quilts for the Fall Flight. They had to cancel because they did not raise enough funds. But they are still planning on having the 44-participant flight in April of next year. She already has 15 or 16 toward that flight. So, there is plenty of time to make an Honor Flight Quilt.

Passion Project – Randy Powers – Blocks are $1.00, and you can put your name, birth date, anniversary, or whatever. Blocks are $1.00; raffle tickets are

also $1.00. They are hoping to be able to have this in to Sherry Verrell, and she put the quilt top together. Then Sharon will quilt it, and Delia gave an order; we have to raffle this in December. We have sold 87 blocks and 142 raffle tickets. Please do us a favor and give us a love tap and buy a ticket. We need 189 blocks to fill it up, so we need 100 more. 100% goes to the general fund. Sit and Stitch are making the blocks. LeighAnn has the Go Machine. Let them know if you want to cut blocks or strips. At Sit and Stitch, just bring your fabric.

Our Program – Photos of our Sewing Rooms – Presented by Delia and Karen Duffy. Delia –
Show and Tell: We had 15 members show their quilts.

President Delia Bright called the meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm

The next Board Meeting will be October 5, 2026, at 10:00 am
The next General Meeting will be October 19, 2026, at 10:00 am

Remember to turn on your phones.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Moore
Recording Secretary