

Threadlines

Newsletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENT'S Message:

FEBRUARY 24th
ACQUILT DEMOS

Janice C.



“When the moon hits your eye
Like a big pizza pie, that’s amore.”

Hello Quilty Friends!

February makes me think of Valentines and silly love songs like Dean Martin’s That’s Amore. We toss around the word ‘love’ for all kinds of things.

It’s part of our nature to have favorite people, places, and things that we love. How about quilting methods and patterns? Do you have some types of quilts that you always make? Colors that you always use? And some shapes, blocks, methods, or colors that you would never use? Me, too.

This year’s challenge will give us all chances to try something new and maybe develop some new favorites. I’m looking forward to seeing what we make and what we learn from participating in the challenge. Try one block. Skip some blocks if you don’t have time to make a block per week.

Thank you to everyone who Zoomed with us in January. Special thanks to the Program Committee and their pivot to a different program. Thanks to the Communication Committee for keeping us updated and for posting the January program on our website.

Come to our meeting on Tuesday, February 24, to experience cutting fabric with an Accuquilt and to help us kit some charity quilts. We will have several stations so everyone can take a turn. Bring some goodies to share and enjoy spending time with your quilting friends.

Happy Sewing!
Janice



FEBRUARY 2026

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

The February General Meeting is **FEB 24TH**, at 6:30pm with the social beginning at 6pm at Germantown UMC, 2331 S. Germantown Rd. Parking and Entrance are at the rear on West St.

In-Person Guild Meetings are usually the 4th Tuesday at Germantown UMC.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The UTQG will follow the guidelines for Shelby County Schools in the event of inclement weather including **TORNADO WARNING** but applicable for any weather event which impacts safe travel to and from the general meeting. If the schools are closed, the UTQG General meeting will be cancelled.



Retreat: Melissa D.

Who has UTQG Retreat 2026 on the mind? I definitely do! I've been reaching out to several teachers, many of whom have been recommended by guild members.

The International Quilt Festival in Texas is happening the same weekend, so several teachers have plans to attend the Festival and won't be able to join us. We have one "yes" from a teacher so far, and I'm still collecting info and responses over the next few weeks.

If you have a local or national teacher in mind you'd love to see at retreat this year, please message Melissa D. the name and contact info.

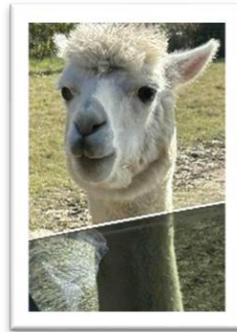
MEMBERSHIP:

Deirdre B

We had 40 members log in for the January Zoom meeting - including 3 very new members. Welcome to Sharon, Lori and Annie.

Total membership is currently 89. We encourage everyone to try and attend - if not in person, we always have the option to Zoom.

Deirdre



FEBRUARY

Hospitality

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Ladies, you always bring good snacks. Please step up & bring some goodies as we celebrate meeting in person. It will be good to see everyone.

Thanks again,
Your Hospitality Team



Show & Tell: Donna N

Is everyone's favorite part of the meeting. If you cannot attend in person to share your projects, you may submit pictures and info about them to utquiltguild@gmail.com. Put Show & Tell in the subject line and include your name and information about your project. The deadline to submit is the Sunday prior to the meeting. Pictures shared online and in person will be uploaded to the Guild's Facebook page after each meeting.



PROGRAMS:

Melissa D.

The snow has finally melted! What an eventful January we all had. Huge thank you to Dawn H. and Dawn C. for putting together a great presentation on quilt labeling for our virtual January meeting.

The AccuQuilt program we originally scheduled for January has been rescheduled for February. We have some very kind and generous members who will be doing a demo with their AccuQuilt machines at our February meeting. If you've ever been curious about how they work, what's the difference between models, what the die are like, how long the mat lasts, or any other questions, this is the Program for you!

We will have a few different AccuQuilt machines set up in stations that you can gather around to see a demonstration, then try it yourself. What will we do with all the cut fabric? Make a quilt, of course! We will be bagging up the pieces for different blocks to make a charity quilt kit. If a few members are willing to bring their sewing machines, we can even sew together a few of the blocks to see what difference the AccuQuilt cutting system makes!

Melissa



Community Service: Pat D

Happy February. We all made it through the ice and snow. I am sure we used some of that time to quilt. I know I did. I am looking forward to our February meeting, that should have been our January meeting, on the use of AccuQuilt cutters. We will be making blocks to use in hospice quilts. If you have a machine to use putting these blocks together we would appreciate the help. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to help. We also have our habitat wall hangings due at the March meeting. See you soon.

Sandy L. Community Quilts Committee

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



And Next

Sally N	2/9
Denise C	2/9
Kay S	2/23
Donna N	3/2
GG B	3/4
Stephanie S	3/5
Rhonda C	3/15
Dawn H.	3/15
Nancy J	3/31



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R

No cards mailed this month.

Deloris



CHALLENGE

Wendy J & Christine G

Hello quilters!

Hopefully you are rested and ready for a new quilt challenge! My thanks goes to Sally N for composing and sending the challenge choices survey for this year. We had 40 responses with 33 votes for Sewcialites and 7 votes for Row by Row. Thank you for voting!

Challenges are so much fun! I hope everyone will participate in this Sewcialites challenge! At least, give it a try. Each Friday beginning this month a quilt block will be revealed. As soon as Kimberly Jolly of the Fat Quarter Shop announces the first block date, you will receive a notification by email from the UTQG challenge committee. The challenge will run through August for making the blocks, and the quilt completion date and presentations will be during our November meeting.

If you haven't downloaded the Sewcialites 3 information, which is free, go to <https://www.fatquartershop.com/sewcialites-3-information-packet-free-pdf>. You may also find information at <https://blog.fatquartershop.com/join-us-for-the-free-sewcialites-3-quilt-along/>

The beauty of this challenge is that you can choose a block from any three of the Sewcialites challenge years. You may choose to follow the quilt suggestions provided by Fat Quarter Shop or design your own arrangement. Another bonus for the block challenge is that Kimberly Jolly will present a tutorial on how to make the block of the week. The links to the information and weekly block patterns will be sent to all members in an email and posted on the Website and Facebook. Links will be posts to avoid copyright violations, but if you have any problems using the Fat Quarter Shop or our website or Facebook, please contact Sally N

Let the fun begin! Get started early by choosing your fabrics for the quilt. The Sewcialites documents provide the information you need to get started.

God bless and happy quilting!

Wendy J and Christine G

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The Communications Team:
Sally N and Shannon T
Checkout the
**QUILTERS AND FIBER
ARTISTS SHOW** in
Somerville TN. Details on
the calendar page.



Ways & Means:

Margaret S.

Guild Pins are available for \$3.

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We welcome the treasures that you bring. These are items that need a new home and can go to a new home the night of our meeting. Pay what you feel is appropriate but if the items that you bring don't find a new home that night, please take them back with you. Due to our limited space, we cannot store anything. So, items that don't sell will be discarded that night.

Thanks.

Margaret S. Ways and Means.



Traveling Quilter: Sandy C



REMEMBER ME, Mountain Home, AR
 I recently made a visit to my cousin in Mountain Home Arkansas (population 12,000), while there I discovered a delightful quilt shop. The Remember Me Quilt and Fabric Shop is located at 1058 Highland Circle, Suite 20, Mountain Home AR 72653 Phone 870-425-7670. Hours: M-F 9:30am-4:00pm, Sat 9:30am-

3:00pm. This shop has been in business for more than 20 years! How did I not know it was here? Over the past 30 years I traveled thru Mountain Home frequently on my way to visit my Aunt in Flippin, AR (yes that really is the name of the town) but never took the time to check to see if there was a quilt shop in Mountain Home. Back to the shop – the owner is Judy Mahaney, she has a good variety of quality cotton fabrics, theme fabrics are arranged together (Christmas, Halloween, fall colors). The shop has a relatively large selection of fabric arranged by color and there is a separate section for sale fabrics. The patterns are well organized and quilting condiments (accessories, needles, rulers, rotary cutters, seam rippers, etc.) are located on a back wall. The shop offers classes with class samples displayed throughout the shop,

they have a medium sized classroom and also provide quilting services. Machines include HandiQuilter (long arm), Bernina and Pfaff domestic machines and numerous different presser feet for the domestic machines. Overall I would highly recommend this shop if you are on a camping trip to the lakes in northern Arkansas or on your way to Eureka Springs or even Branson, MO. The staff at the shop was very welcoming and helpful. Happy Quilting!!!



Next Meetings:

Legend: H = Hybrid, V = Virtual, IP = In Person

Guild Meeting	24 FEB	H
Board Meeting	12 MAR	V
Guild Meeting	24 MAR	H



Attention members!

You have access to the ZOOM sewing room anytime there is not a guild planned meeting. Early Bird, Night Owl, East Coast, or West, another Country and Continent it doesn't matter. As a member you may connect with other members in our ZOOM Room. The room is open anytime there isn't a meeting planned. A full calendar can be found on the last page.

Welcome Home Community Service Project Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis 2026

Guild members are asked to make an art quilt of a house for new Habitat homeowners. You have creative leeway as for the colors and design except the quilt must:

- Be a house (applique, paper piece, etc.)
- Measure 2 feet by 2 feet
- Have a hanging sleeve
- Incorporate word(s) of inspiration - hope, peace, love, joy, faith, etc.

30 quilts are needed for the spring dedication that typically occurs in April/May. Our guild will be invited to attend the dedication. The deadline will be our March 2026 meeting date. This may be extended based on final confirmation of the Habitat dedication date.

Questions: Email kathy,r.m.cowan@gmail.com or call 901-218-4021.

The quilt below may give you an idea, although it is about 4 feet by 4 feet.



Habitat Contact:

Shasta Blue, Mortgage Loan Specialist
Direct Line: 901-322-3520; Cell: 901-538-4851
<https://www.memphishabitat.com>



From the Editor

All submissions are best made using my email, thequiltedpage@aol.com with Newsletter in the Subject. The deadline for the MAR newsletter is Wednesday, MAR 11th.

Karen P

Remember:

- Name Tag
- Potluck Dish
- Show and Tell
- Habitat Home Quilt
- Community Quilts (CQ)
- Sign your CQ Kit out &/or In
- Ca\$h for \$tash

Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are the 4th Tuesday unless otherwise stated and are both in person and on Zoom (hybrid)

February 24, 2026
March 24, 2026
April 28, 2026
May 26, 2026

*Varies from 4th Tuesday schedule

Retreats and Special Events

Refer to Guild Communications for details.

2026 Events to be Announced

Classes and Zoom Groups

See the Classes Webpage and/or Newsletters for details

Board Meetings

As of September, Board Meeting dates are being revised through June 2026. See the Members Only page for the Zoom Link.

March 12, 2026 (Newsletter 3/11)
April 16, 2026 (Newsletter 4/15)
May 14, 2026 (Newsletter 5/13)
June 11, 2026 (Newsletter 6/10)

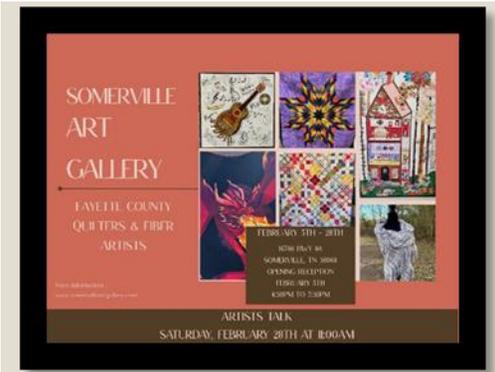
Zoom Sewing Room

The link can be found on the Members only page of the Website

An Impromptu Zoom link is also available for members to Sew Together Virtually. We encourage all members to join the Zoom Sewing Room anytime there is not a scheduled Guild meeting.

If you find yourself with a day, morning, afternoon, or evening to sew, let others know and get on the Zoom link. You can shout out to a group of friends via the Facebook group or Messenger or in a group text or email.

Quilting is always more fun with friends!



QUILTERS AND FIBER ARTISTS SHOW
Current and former members are entered.

Wendy J, Arlene A, and Jill TG have quilts in this show at the Somerville Art Gallery. One of Wendy's is featured in the graphic advertising the show. They would love to have you join them for the show especially on Feb. 28th for the Artists' Talks.

