

Threadlines

Newsletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

JANUARY 27th

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PRESIDENT's Message:



Janice C.

“Walking in a winter wonderland...”

Last year in January we had snow, power outages, and other mid-winter events. I’m not a cold weather fan, so I’m fine without snow days.

Sometimes January is a time to look back at last year’s achievements or make a list of

projects for the new year. Several online quilters have offered advice for completing WIPs, getting creative juices flowing, managing time, and other resolutions for the new year.

One of my recent favorite online quilty activities is the Stay At Home Round Robin (SAHRR) offered by Quilting Gail. Instead of trading quilts and adding on a row or border, each quilter makes their rows, blocks, or borders on their own quilt. Each week a new prompt is given. Quilters make their chosen elements, take a photo, and share with the group. At the end there is a drawing for prizes. All the participants are entered in the drawing. Twice I have won prizes but even without winning a prize the SAHRR is a fun way to kick start a new quilt.

What are your sewing plans this January? We have charity quilts that need finishing. Our guild has agreed to make mini quilts for new homeowners-24 inches square with positive messages.

My flimsy is finished and I hope to finish it before our January meeting.

Hoping for mild weather and to see YOU at our January meeting on the fourth Tuesday.

Happy Sewing!
Janice C.

ACCUQUILT DEMOS

Challenge Selection



JANUARY 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The JAN General Meeting is JAN 27th, 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.

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.



JANUARY Hospitality

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

The hospitality team would like to give a huge shout to everyone who made our Christmas potluck wonderful! We had so much food we had to get a third table for the desserts! Please bring a snack to share for the month of January, we will see you soon!

Thanks again,
Your Hospitality Team

Retreat: Melissa D.

Details to come...

MEMBERSHIP:

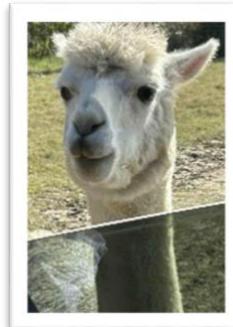
Deirdre B

We are starting off the New Year with a new member - welcome Annie M.

A reminder to everyone, please encourage past members, or 'lapsed' members to return and enjoy our Guild meetings.

We are currently at 89 members.

Deirdre



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



And Next

Iris T	1/2
Carol B	1/3
Jolene K	1/14
Sally N	2/9
Denise C	2/9
Kay S	2/23



PROGRAMS:

Melissa D.

Hopefully the new year has been kind to everyone so far. We have some very kind and generous members who, at our January meeting, will be doing a demo with their AccuQuilt machines. 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!

Sincerely,
Melissa



Pat D

Happy New Year!!! We can all calm down now since the holiday season is officially over. I went by the hospice center last week and picked up 5 Christmas quilts which I will hold on to for the coming Christmas 2026. Which means they used 9 quilts in December. I think we are good for January and February 2026 so you can relax. This month's program we will be making hospice tops from the AccuQuilt patterns. It's so nice that we have members willing to bring their AccuQuilt cutters and we have hospice fabric to work with. AND we have such a great bunch of quilters to put together the tops. We are so thankful to each of you for all you do to make this possible. See you at guild.

Community Quilts Committee



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R
Karen P. – father's death
Debra W.- illness
Marge H.- illness
Deloris



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.



CHALLENGE

Wendy J & Christine G

Congratulations to the seven members who won the 2025 challenge drawing. Four members who were not present last month will receive your prizes at our meeting this month.

This is the month for the members to vote for your preferred quilt 2026 challenge:

*Row by Row small group participation

*Sewcialites 3 free sampler quilt along with 25 blocks sponsored by The Fat Quarter Shop

ROW BY ROW:



Below, you will see Christine's two examples of her Row by Row quilts. The Party Quilt has rows 31 x 7 finished. The Snowman rows are 40 x 7 1/2 finished.



Instructions: The owner of the quilt makes the first row and states the theme she is interested in. The owner can add as much fabric as she wishes for the quilt in order to help with completion. Other fabric can be added by the row makers. Those wishing to participate will be divided into groups of 6, this will result in 6 complete rows. After the first row is complete, the row and supporting fabric are placed in a bag or box so it cannot be seen until the last swap. Each team member has the month to add their row to the previous ones. If the person cannot be present to pass the work in process top, she is responsible for making arrangements to pass to the next name on the list by the end of guild week. Christine proposes we opt for 6.5 inch unfinished blocks, and it is to be finished at 7 blocks. This will give a row of 6 x 42 finished. Not all rows have to have 7 identical blocks. See Christine's examples. If the signup can be

January/February, Christine will compile the groups and at the March meeting we will announce the groups. The first hand off will be April and finish in September. The final completed tops will be shown at the Christmas meeting.

If you have questions please ask Christine.



Next Meetings:

Legend: H = Hybrid, V = Virtual, IP = In Person, *Special Event/*date change*

Guild Meeting	27 JAN	H
Board Meeting	12 FEB	V
Guild Meeting	24 FEB	H



The Communications Team:

Don't forget The UTQG Facebook page. There you can stay up to date on all the current information and events and find photos and perhaps inspiration from our Show and Tell and our many challenges. You can also engage in conversations with your fellow guild members by posting information that you found helpful, or perhaps share a giggle by posting a cartoon.

The communications committee hopes that you will find both our website and Facebook page helpful and way to stay in touch with all your Quilting friends.

Sally N and Shannon T
Communication

SEWCIALITES 3: fatquartershop.com

The Sewcialites quilt is made up of 25 free blocks designed by 25 designers. Each pattern is marked with the difficulty level, from Beginner to Experienced, and all have straight seams and use traditional piecing techniques. You may choose to make 3", 6", or 9" blocks. Feel free to substitute difficult blocks or customize your quilt with blocks from the free Sewcialites 1 or Sewcialites 2, or blocks of your choice.

Every Friday, The Fat Quarter shop will release a new FREE block pattern from one of the 25 talented designers, and Kimberly Jolly of the Fat Quarter Shop will sew that week's block live on their Fat Quarter Shop YouTube Channel! Running from Friday, February 20th to Friday, August 21st, you'll have a new quilty reason to look forward to the end of each week. We will extend the quilt completion date for our November meeting. There will be no quilt police checking to see if you finished the weekly blocks during the scheduled weeks.

If you want automatic updates about Sewcialites 3, you can subscribe to the Jolly Jabber Blog newsletters and the Fat Quarter Shop YouTube channel. You can also bookmark the Sewcialites Supply Page to easily come back to the fabric requirements and all the FREE block patterns as they go live!

Think about these two challenges and be ready to vote for your choice during our January 27 general meeting.

Happy quilting,
Wendy J and Christine G



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.



Traveling Quilter: Sandy C

is no doubt planning her next adventure. Look here to read Sandy's quilt shop reviews.



From the Editor

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

Karen P

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>

Remember:

- Name Tag
- Potluck Dish
- Your choice for the 2026 Challenge
- Show and Tell
- 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)

January 27, 2026
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.

February 12, 2026 (Newsletter 2/11)
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!