

# Threadlines

Newsletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

June 24<sup>th</sup>

A Behind the Scenes Look at  
Surface Pattern Design

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Janice C.

June is busting out all over, all over the meadow and the hill... Just because it's June, June, June.



I am so glad to serve as your president this year. You may know a bit about me or may be not.

My husband and I moved to Collierville in May of 2022 to be closer to our son and his family.

The first thing I did was look for quilt guilds. Soon after visiting UTQG I joined. I am enjoying the fellowship of this diverse group of quilters.

In Mississippi I was a member of Jackson Quilters for many years. Even before I retired from teaching, I took time off to attend their monthly Monday morning meetings. My mother was a quilter and a great seamstress. I resisted following in her footsteps but stashed away fabric and quilt patterns. At some point the quilting magnet drew me in. I made a lap quilt and the rest is history.

In those early quilting days I started attending free block of the month sessions at a local quilt shop. I learned so much from the demonstrations each month. I also started following quilting blogs. One blog had regular 'linky' parties. That motivated me to document my quilting adventures in my blog: Sing, Read, Sew, Travel, Teach. You can find my blog at [www.singreadsew.blogspot.com](http://www.singreadsew.blogspot.com).

As the name of my blog suggests I have several pastimes - I love to play the piano for the preschool choir at church and I sing with the Memphis Symphony Chorus. I love to read mysteries and historical novels. I have been sewing since I was ten years old. My husband and I enjoy traveling to places we have read about. For over 30 years I taught elementary, middle, and high school students English as a Second Language. Now I volunteer with Team Read at Belle Forest School.

I started this with the words to a song. When I think of June, I think of that song. It puts me in a happy mood. Can't wait to see you at UTQG in June, June, June.

Happy Sewing, Janice C.



JUNE 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The June General Meeting is Tuesday, JUNE 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.

**A complete list of events is on the last page.**

In-Person Guild Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Note: the July meeting is on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.**

# MEMBERSHIP:

Deirdre B

May meeting - we had 38 members in person, 9 on Zoom and 1 guest - Barbara M.

Erin S. won the door prize and Sallye L. won the Name tag drawing.

We have 40 memberships renewed already - that's just about 50% - thank you all.

Unfortunately, Claire's phone died during the meeting and she was unable to take Bio photos. So please, if you haven't already, please submit a photo to the guild email for the directory. Thank you,  
*Deirdre*



## 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](mailto: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.**

Join us in June for a Glimpse Behind the Scenes of Surface Pattern Design! Gathering her experience designing fabric patterns over the years, Shannon will be giving us a look at the behind-the-scenes process of Surface Pattern Design. She will share details about taking photos for inspiration, drawing, scanning, working in Adobe Illustrator, and uploading designs to POD sites like Spoonflower for use in quilting and sewing projects. Come to the meeting ready to take notes!  
Sincerely, Melissa



**JUNE**

## Hospitality

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Our table is Potluck.

Thank you for the wonderful foods you brought to our birthday party. Please consider bringing something this month because quilters are always hungry. See you at the meeting. Thank you.

Hospitality Team

**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS MONTH**



### And Next

Mary Jean B	6/3
Vesta A	6/13
Lisa F	6/14
Christine G	6/18
Debbie S	6/21
Camille M	6/22
Lynn M	6/26
Kristen H	6/28
Patricia D	6/30
Dawn H	7/2
Patti S	7/11
Glenda C	7/12
Deloris R	7/14
Kathy Moore C	7/24



## 30 years of Friendship & Quilting Retreat: Iris T. & Melissa D.

Our 1st retreat committee was held at 6 pm last month prior to our guild meeting. A lot was discussed. Committees were assigned, classes chosen along with lecture & the retreats theme was chosen.

Classes will be Spinning Squares, Churn Dash Dance and Bordered Periwinkle.

Lecture was chosen over show & tell.

The theme is **30 years of Friendship & Quilting**. Now it's your turn to do a design for the t-shirt. It will be due by the July meeting. If we choose your design, you will get a t-shirt free!!

The scholarship that the guild offers for retreat has been spoken for. A guild member has donated another scholarship. If you want to come but finances are a concern, just let me know, either by email or text. No one will ever know.

If you still want to help, please come at 6 before the June meeting.

Looking forward for a fun retreat in November with Natalie Dunn Earnheart of Missouri Star Quilt Company!!

Iris & Melissa



### CHALLENGE

Wendy J & Christine G

Hello quilt friends!

Thank you, members, for sharing your June blocks. We look forward to seeing your beautiful July blocks this

month! If you choose to make patriotic blocks, maybe you can make small or large quilts to share during next July program!

Hopefully you have brainstormed words that relate to July 4th and you have made your blocks or you are planning on making them. I haven't started my blocks yet, but there is plenty of time.

The quilt below is made with Christine's July blocks. Block suggestions are the sawtooth Star and the Martha Washington block. As always, you may choose your own blocks. Remember, (Cont'd)



### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R

Get Well card sent to Nancy M's husband (recovery).

Deloris

Corresponding Secretary



### 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.



you may join the fun at anytime. If you need inspiration for blocks, go to [quilterscache.com](http://quilterscache.com) or Pinterest. us ☀

Monthly Guidelines for our guild challenge:

1. Two different blocks are to be completed/any size.  
2 blocks completed=2 tickets/1 ticket=1block
2. Members do not have to take part each month.
3. Blocks must be turned in during the month specified, except for an absence.

Ideas for the blocks:

- \*perpetual calendar
- \*wall hanging for family member on their birthday month
- \*any blocks and make a sampler quilt
- \*table toppers/runners

✂️ 🧵 📅 Happy quilting and God bless,  
Wendy J and Christine G



## Traveling Quilter:

Arnold MO,  
Sandy C

I love traveling and exploring new places

as well as new quilt shops. While on a trip to StLouis I decided to check out a quilt shop in Arnold,(a small town adjacent to I-55 before you get to St. Louis). Your Quilt Shop 2051 Southway Dr., Arnold MO 63010 (located off the West Outer Road of the highway) 636-464-2929 Open Tues-Fri 10am-6pm and Sat from 9am-5pm, the website is "Your Quilt Shop.net" and their e-mail is yourquiltshop@gmail.com. This is a relatively large shop with the largest supply of backing fabric I've ever seen, with the exception of Hancocks of Paducah. The shop has been open for more than 19 years and has recently been taken over by the daughter of the original owners. They also provide quilting service with two large long arms on the premises. The shop carries yarn, quilting and sewing

kits, a small Vintage and Prairie Style fabric, Riley Blake, Lori Holt, Henry Glass, and lots of books and patterns. I was directed to a small section in the back of the shop with sale fabric, I'm always on the lookout for a sale. ☺ Check them out on line, its less expensive than driving up there these days.



## Save the Date

Ricky Tims is coming to Uncommon Threads on Tuesday, **November 4, 6:30-8:00 pm** in person or on Zoom. More information to come.

## Next Meetings:

Guild Meeting	24 JUN	H
Board Meeting	14 JULY	V
Guild Meeting	29 JULY	H

Legend: H = Hybrid, V = Virtual, IP = In Person **RED = 5<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY**

## DO YOU EQ?

Free EQ Lessons have resumed. You can find the previous lessons here <http://www.youtube.com/@lynnmartin1507>  
Thank you, Lynn M



## The Communications Team:

Shannon T. has joined the committee and will be working with keeping the website up to date. We have also done some rearranging in the hopes of allowing everyone to find information more easily. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and encouraged.  
Sally N & Shannon T,  
Communications



Sandy L, Pat D, Emily S, and Kay S  
Happy June! I can't believe all that we, YOU, accomplished this past year. You, ladies, made a whopping 22 quilts that were turned in last meeting. Some were tops, some needed binding and some were all ready to go. You are so good!

Last year we delivered 107 quilts to the hospice unit at Baptist Collierville, 9 to the hospice unit at Baptist East and 28 Wall Quilts to Baptist East. Our group of volunteers made 106 quilt kits and we still have some fabric to make more kits! We are so proud of our guild for all they do for the Hospice Centers. (cont'd)

As a reminder for the kits, we would like to ask that you make and turn in any additional blocks so we can make some scrappy/sampler quilts. Also, if you don't need the pattern sheets, we'd like them returned so we can put them with the kits that don't have patterns yet. Remember, if you take a kit and want to use a different pattern with it, you are welcome to do anything you like. Try something new just to see if you like a pattern you've seen somewhere. We appreciate anything you do for these quilts.

We have some new members join our committee who have offered up some new ideas. We may find other ways to give to our community. We don't want to be stretched too much or overwhelm you in any way. BUT If you have any ideas, we would love to hear them. Over the years we have made for Sons and Daughters, Firemen, Military, Head Start (pillow cases), quilts for Baptist East children's ward, St. Columba's retreat center and Sept. 11th survivors. That's only the ones I remember off the top of my head. With several of our members in Mississippi and Fayette County, maybe you can offer up suggestions where we might take a few quilts.

That's all for now. Thank you again for all you do for others.  
Your Community Quilts Committee



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.

From the Editor



All submissions are best made using my email, thequiltpage@aol.com with Newsletter in the Subject. The deadline for the JULY newsletter is Wednesday, JULY 16<sup>th</sup>.

Karen P

## **Guild Meetings**

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

June 24, 2025  
July 29, 2025\*  
August 26, 2025  
September 23, 2025  
October 28, 2025  
November 18, 2025\*  
December 16, 2025\*  
January 27, 2026  
February 24, 2026  
March 24, 2026  
April 28, 2026  
May 26, 2026

\*Varies from 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday schedule

## **Retreats and Special Events**

Refer to Guild Communications for details

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### Member Retreat

November 14 – 16, 2026  
Pre and Post Retreat  
November 13 & 17

## **Classes and Zoom Groups**

See the Classes Webpage and/or Newsletters for details

## **Board Meetings**

Board meetings are 15 days before the Meeting (a Monday) unless otherwise stated and on Zoom. See the Members Only page for the Zoom Link.

July 14, 2025  
August 11, 2025  
September 8, 2025  
October 13, 2025  
November 3, 2025  
December 2025 - TBA  
January 12, 2026  
February 9, 2026  
March 9, 2026  
April 13, 2026  
May 11, 2026

## **Zoom Sewing Room**

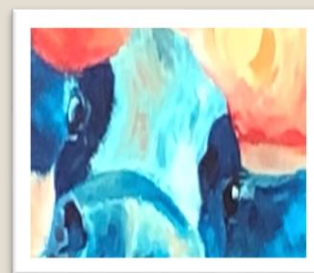
The link can be found on the Members only page of the Website

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!**

## Remember:



- Name Tag
- Potluck Dish
- Challenge Blocks
- Show and Tell
- Community Quilts
- Sign your CQ Kit out &/or In
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