

Threadlines

Newsletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

DECEMBER 16th

Christmas Party

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PRESIDENT's MESSAGE: Janice C.

"Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la."

Hello Quilty Friends,

For many of us it is time to decorate for the holidays. My tree is up as you can see in the photo. Some are celebrating other special days at this time of year. There are many light centered holy days around the world. Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanza, and Lunar New Year were some my students shared with us in ESL class.



If you ask a child who is coming soon, you are sure to hear about Santa, presents, wishlists, and magical moments. Waiting for the chubby elf to fill stockings and leave presents under the tree is hard for children. Some time along the way we might have lost that sense of expectation and wonder.

One quilter keeps those who have a hard time celebrating at this time of year in mind by offering a mystery quilt-along each year at the holidays. She started the mystery especially for those who are lonely and sad and need something to look forward to making during the long, dark winter nights. What a great free gift for quilters. I have only made one mystery quilt but each year I download the clues, just in case I need to keep busy quilting.

As we celebrate our thirty years of friendship and quilting, try sharing your sewing skills. Have you made a block for a past president? We have several past presidents who have their blocks posted on our website. Let them know you appreciate the time they took to lead our group by making a block.

We are going to have fun at our December meeting. Find important information about our THIRD Tuesday meeting in this newsletter. Carol will be presiding at the meeting. Have fun and I will see you in the new year.

Happy Sewing, Janice C



DECEMBER 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The DEC General Meeting is DEC 16th, 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.

The Dec meeting is 3rd Tuesday.

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



I look forward to seeing everyone at the pot luck December meeting. Thanks to Jane the games are always fun. Be sure to bring a tree block to exchange, and your show and tell projects. And please tell Claire if it's "top secret" and not to post on social media.

And if you can't come, please send photos to share.

Merry Christmas
Donna.

Retreat: Iris T. & Melissa D.

Well, it's been a month since retreat. How many of you have finished any of the quilts from the 2 classes that Natalie taught? She was a fantastic teacher, wasn't she!! The surveys were reviewed...most said they had a great time. Of course, several want a bigger free sewing area. The only area available is using the dining room. In the past, many of us used this area. We had three classes every time slot. So there wasn't an actual free sewing area except the dining room.

Now I will pass the torch to Melissa D. beginning in January, 2026. No plans yet but any suggestions will be accepted!!
Hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

MEMBERSHIP: Deirdre B

There were 34 members present in person at the November meeting, and 5 attended via Zoom.

We currently have 88 members in the Guild. Please remember to invite others to attend and encourage those who may not have attended recently to return.

Happy Christmas everyone.,

Deirdre



DECEMBER Hospitality

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Our table is Potluck And it's our
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Bring your favorite dish.

to share with your **QUILTY** friends. See
you @ our PARTY/meeting!!!

Thank you.

Your Hospitality Team

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



And Next

Marjorie L	12/2
Valerie M	12/3
Debra W	12/3
Nancy M	12/14
Elizabeth J	12/15
Rachel T	12/21
Marion D	12/23
Christine H	12/24
Ann D	12/25
Lori M	12/25
Jody T	12/27
Rhonda M	12/28
Iris T	1/2
Carol B	1/3
Jolene K	1/14



PROGRAMS:

Melissa D.

The Program Committee is preparing for a super fun Christmas Program this year! For anyone who wants to participate in one of the games, please plan to make/buy a small gift (value \$15 or under) to pass back and forth during the game.

We also plan to do a Christmas tree block exchange this year during our Christmas Program. If you want to participate in the block exchange, please plan to bring an unfinished 12" minimum - 15" maximum square block in traditional holiday colors making any Christmas tree pattern you like. These can make cute wall panels, pillowcases, table runners, etc. and would be a sweet item to have from a guild friend.

Sincerely,
Melissa



Pat D

The members of our guild never let us down. We delivered 14 Christmas quilts. I'm so proud of all of you. If you are working on Christmas quilts bring them to the next meeting and I can deliver them too. As usual, I will bring kits to the next meeting. Don't feel pressured we know this is a busy time of the year. If you are bored we always have quilt tops that need quilted. Remember to look at the house quilt blocks for wall quilts for those families who have worked hard to build their homes. Kathy presented a wonderful challenge for us.

Thank you all for all you do.

Have a wonderful holiday season and remember why we celebrate.
Your community quilts committee wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R
No cards sent.



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

Hello quilt friends!

We have come to the end of this block of the month journey. Thanks to the sixteen guild members who participated. Please share your favorite completed block or blocks of the month during our December meeting. If you completed projects made with your blocks, please share your favorite. We will celebrate briefly during our December meeting.

There will be drawings for several prizes during our December meeting for our challenge block participants. Block participants, see Wendy to make sure that we have the correct number of blocks that you completed.

Christine and I have differing ideas for our next challenge. Stay tuned, because we want your opinions on which one to choose for next year.

We look forward to seeing your favorite December block and/or your favorite project made with your blocks!

Happy quilting and God bless,
Wendy J and Christine



Traveling Quilter: Sandy C

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

Next Meetings:

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

Guild Meeting*	16 DEC	H
Board Meeting	15 JAN	IP
Guild Meeting	27 JAN	H



The Communications Team:

Check out our Guild's website regularly! Exploring will lead you to many activities and patterns, tips, and handouts you will find helpful. You can learn ways to be more involved with the Guild or about the 80+ Quilting Friends in UTQG. As well as all the inspiration from all the photos from Show and Tell and our Challenges.

You might find new sources of Quilting supplies and services if you check out the 'Quilters Shops & Services' page - <https://www.ucquilts.com/general-7> where you will find links to local resources and shops owned by our own members.

The 'Members Only' page is where you will find our Member Photo Directory and Meeting Minutes, as well as some information that our members have created and wish to share only with the Guild. Please contact Sally Norton if you don't remember the password for the Members Only page.

<https://www.ucquilts.com/>

Sally N & Shannon T,
Communications

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>



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, thequiltedpage@aol.com with Newsletter in the Subject. The deadline for the JAN newsletter is Wednesday, JAN 14th.

Karen P

Guild Meetings

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

December 16, 2025*
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.

January 15, 2026 (Newsletter 1/14)
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!

Remember:

- Name Tag
- Potluck Dish
- Show and Tell
- Favorite completed Challenge blocks
- Community Quilts (CQ)
- Sign your CQ Kit out &/or In
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