

Threadlines

Newletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENT's Message: Kathy C

SEPTEMBER 22ND
RETREAT CHALLENGE BLOCK
WINNERS

Hey ya'll!



It's September! Fall is absolutely my most favorite season. Things may technically be dying but I feel like it's the beginning! It probably has a lot to do with the start of school. I remember being so excited to get my new

school supplies and school clothes. I still get a thrill when I step into Office Depot and see the selection of pens, markers, notebooks, and planners. It's the same feeling I get when I go to a fabric store. There's nothing like walking into a room full of bolts and bolts of fabric! I'm not talking about walking into Michael's or Hobby Lobby with a few aisles of fabric. I'm talking about fabric stores like the ones I grew up with, stores like Hancock's and Cloth Word. Just seeing all the different types, colors, patterns, weights, and textures of fabric, I would lose my mind! Each piece represented something fabulous I could create! So, I had no choice but to buy as many pieces as I could; a yard of this, $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of that, and other bolts waiting on the cutting table. And that's how I built my stash. But the reality is, you can't buy it all! Today, I try to use a little more self-control when I visit a fabric store. Given the local choices, it's not so hard. But every now and then when I get that urge to buy it all, I remind myself, **it's just fabric and thread!**

Choose Joy!

Kathy



SEPTEMBER 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The AUGUST General Meeting is **SEP 22ND**, 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.



Community Service: Carol B, Emily S, Jolene K, Kay S, Sally N, Sandy L, and Sharon G. Dawn H. Chair

Save the Date for Our Fall Sew Together!

Mark your calendars! The Community Service Committee is hosting a Sew Together workshop on Saturday, **October 3, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Come out for a full day of sewing, socializing, and giving back to our community. Fabric and patterns will be provided for you.

Location & Arrival Details

Venue: Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 2404 Kirby Road, Memphis

Parking: Please park behind the church and walk up the ramp. Finding the Room: Once inside, turn left and follow the hallway straight to the Commons Room.

Choose Your Project. Whether you want to bring your sewing machine or travel light, we have a way for you to participate:

Option 1: Bring your sewing machine. We are currently partnering with Room at the Inn to finalize project details for their ministry.

Option 2: Leave your machine at home! We will have quilt tops ready to be tied for our hospice project.

What to Bring. Your sewing machine (if sewing) A sack lunch and Your own beverages for the day
Community Service Odds & Ends

August Donations: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed—we successfully donated 6 quilts to hospice in August and currently have a few more on hand ready to go.

A Quick Reminder on Labels: Please do not include any personal or business labels on your finished community service quilts. The guild attaches an official guild label to every item before they are donated.

We can't wait to see you there for a day of fun and fellowship!

MEMBERSHIP: Deirdre B

Hi everyone,

August was a great month! There were 43 members in person, and 9 on Zoom for a total of 52 attendees at the monthly meeting..

We had 2 new members - Dave C., and Lou S., plus 2 visitors at the meeting.

79 members have renewed their membership for the 26/27 year.

Please make an effort to greet new members at the meetings and make them welcome. Deirdre



Hospitality SEPTEMBER

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Maybe by the time we see each other again, the temp will be a little cooler, and we can enjoy some favorite fall foods.

Thanks Sallye and Sue



Show & Tell: Dawn C

This 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 Sunday prior to the meeting. Pictures shared online and in person will be uploaded to the Guild's Facebook page after each meeting.



Retreat: Melissa D.

Retreat:

Let the countdown begin! Retreat signups have opened, and spots are filling up fast! Alice Ridge will be joining us in just a couple months (November 13-15 at St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center) for our 2026 retreat which is themed Quilting Around the World.

Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, we did not have the retreat challenge fabric to pass out at our August meeting. If you turned in your retreat registration form at the August meeting, please see Deloris or Iris during the September meeting to get your challenge fabric. If you cannot make it to the meeting and need your challenge fabric, please let Melissa know.

Take a look at the retreat webpage on our guild website to see more information about the teacher, the classes, the registration form and packet, and the t-shirts. If you are wanting a light pink t-shirt with this year's design by Wendy on it, please have your order in by September 30th at the very latest. We do not order extras.

As usual, the Retreat Committee will meet briefly right before our September meeting at 6:00 pm to touch base on retreat prep. If you are on the committee and want to join virtually, let Melissa or another retreat committee member know so we can dial you in.



AQS Creativity Challenge:
Circles of Yesterday, Stitched for Today
Email me if you want to join this group.

Janice C

missreading@yahoo.com

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



And Next

Jill G	9/10
Sandy L	9/12
Doreen LJ	9/15
Lori H	9/22
Janice C	9/24
Margaret S	9/26
Janet C	9/29
Melissa A	10/6
Melissa D	10/8
Claire P	10/8
Diane R	10/13
Carol R	10/14
Tina W	10/16
Emily S	10/17
Cathy S	10/27
Karen M	10/30



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R

A card was sent to Kay S for her surgery.

Deloris



PROGRAMS: **Melissa D.**

With retreat coming up, some of us are wondering what do people do for the retreat challenge block. Our September program will, therefore, be Retreat Challenge Blocks. If you've made one you are particularly proud of (or particularly NOT proud of), please send a picture of it to the guild email by the Sunday before our guild meeting. We will do a show-and-tell style program to see how creative our members get with the challenge fabric.

If you have won the challenge in years past, we would love for you to either bring your finished project in or take a picture of the project you made and send to the guild email. If you haven't finished your project yet, we would still love to see you lay your blocks out on the floor or your design wall in the pattern you want to do and send a picture of that to the guild email by the Sunday before our guild meeting.

The Communications Committee

Sally N - Chair

Be sure to check the website for the most recent information about UTQG Meetings, Retreat, and Community Quilting Activities!

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



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 on 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.



Next Meetings:

Legend: H = Hybrid, V = Virtual,
IP = In Person * = **Date Change**

Guild Meeting	22 SEP	H
Retreat Meeting 6pm	22 SEP	H
Fall Sew Together	3 OCT	IP
Board Meeting	12 OCT	V
Guild Meeting	27 OCT	H



Wendy J & Christine G

Happy September Quilters

All of the Sewcialites blocks have been introduced. Thanks to Karen P, Sue F, Janice C, Sally N, Tina W, Sharon G, Sandy L, and Sharon E, who participated in this challenge! If I missed anyone, please let me know.

Now is the time to put the blocks together for your quilt. We will share our finished quilts during our November meeting. Some of you have been extra diligent by having your quilt tops started or finished. Congratulations! I am looking forward to November! The last blocks, 24 and 25, are pictured below. I won't be making my quilt until I get my Delta Threads Quilt Show, Quilting My America, quilt finished. I will be sharing my quilt at our December meeting. I hope to see your Delta Threads quilts, too.



If you have not participated in this challenge, please try making a few blocks and make a table runner, wall hanging, or a small quilt to share in November.

*****For easy access to the block patterns, go to ucquilts.com.

God bless and happy quilting!

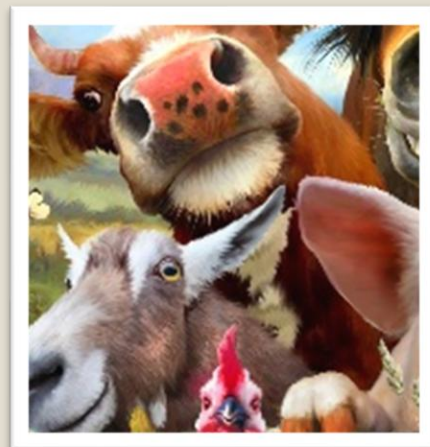
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Wendy J

fatquartershop.com

blog.FatQuarterShop.Com/Sewcialites

YouTube



ZOOM TIME? ANYTIME!

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 OCT newsletter is Wednesday, OCT 14TH.

Karen P



Traveling Quilter: Rockville, MD Sandy C



It has been almost 10 years since I last visited G Street Fabrics, this location has a warehouse feel, large expansive spaces, high ceilings and a wide variety of fabrics from

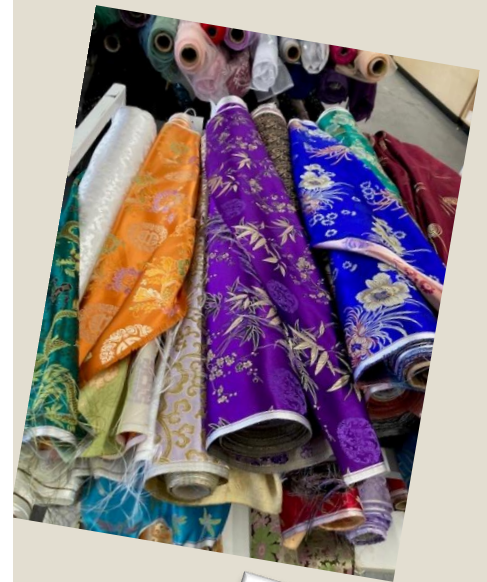


quilting cottons to cotton shirtings to dressmaker fabrics to silks to upholstery fabrics and leathers. The main area has a huge wall devoted to quilting cottons, arranged by color and by designer. The pictures I took do not do it justice

. The shop has an entire wall devoted to buttons! These are not your standard JoAnn or WalMart buttons, (don't get me wrong, I have nothing against WalMart buttons and have purchased them in the past, but if you're looking for something special these really are amazing unique buttons). There are two long aisles for threads (cottons, silks, specialty threads and polyesters) and 2 separate large rooms for upholstery fabrics. The shop is also a Bernina dealer and the lower level is devoted exclusively to machines and offices. G Street Fabrics 12220 Wilkins Ave, Rockville, MD 20852 240-283-8300. This shop is a Disneyland for quilters and sewers, if you are ever in the DC area this is a must stop and please check out the buttons, they are marvelous!

Remember:

- Name Tag
- Renewal form and dues
- Retreat Form and Payment
- Potluck Dish
- Won retreat challenge blocks
- Show and Tell
- Community Quilts (CQ)
- Sign your CQ Kit out &/or In
- Ca\$h for \$tash
- Retreat Mtg. 6pm



Guild Meetings

Guild meetings are the 4th Tuesday unless otherwise stated and are both in person and on Zoom (hybrid). See the meeting tab on our website for more details.

September 22, 2026
October 27, 2026
November 17, 2026*
December 15, 2026*
January 26, 2027
February 23, 2027
March 23, 2027
April 27, 2027
May 25, 2027

*Varies from 4th Tuesday schedule

Retreats and Special Events

Refer to Guild Communications for details.

Member Retreat
November 13 – 15, 2026
Pre and Post Retreat
November 12 & 16

Classes and Zoom Groups

See the Classes Webpage and/or
Newsletters for details

Board Meetings

For 2026-27 the Executive Board meetings will be the 2nd Monday of each month and are held on Zoom.
Articles for the Newsletter are due on the Wed. following the Board meeting.

October 12, 2026
November 2, 2026*
December 7, 2026*
January 11, 2027
February 8, 2027
March 8, 2027
April 12, 2027
May 10, 2027

*Varies from 2nd Monday schedule

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!

October 3, 2016

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Create Realistic Pieced Pictures

with Cynthia England

Sponsored by the Memphis Area Modern Quilt Guild

Sunday, October 11, 11:00 - 5:00

Crosstown Concourse World Health Room

Non-Member Fee: \$125

This hands-on and educational class you'll learn Cynthia's unique process and work on one of two projects.



Wine Country 19" X 17"



Tropical Scene 19" X 17"

This is a two-part class. The first half will be spent learning the technique and sewing. The second will be learning how to take a picture/photograph and adapt that to a quilt pattern.

Supplies needed:

- Sewing machine with medium gray thread. Single hole needle plate preferred but optional
- Pins, scissors (fabric and paper), seam ripper, etc.
- Travel iron and small table to press on. Can be shared with your neighbor.
- Plastic tray with a lip. A plastic shoebox works great.
- Zip lock baggies (10)
- Glue stick

Sign Up Here!



Registrants must attend to receive their kit. Fees are non-refundable but are transferrable. Kit includes pattern and fabric for complete top and all design supplies. Class limited to the first 30 paid registrants.

If you need a link instead of a QR code to register for the class use <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/8QD93B7AKMMAC/checkout/HAUKHJBTQAMULGNQVFUIVYZX>

If you need more assistance please contact Sally Norton at sallynh@gmail.com