

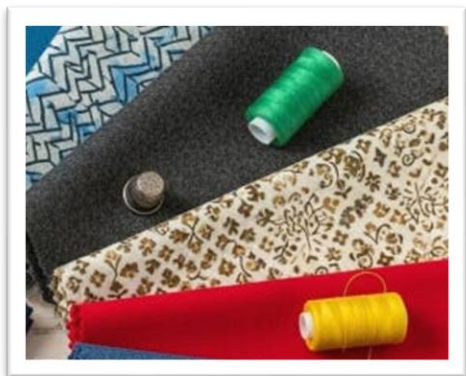
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Newletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

ucquilt.com

PRESIDENT's Message: Kathy C

AUGUST 25TH
CHALK AND RULERS
Domestic Machine Quilting



Hey ya'll!

So, I gave my client her portrait quilt, the one I shared at Show and Tell last month. She loved it and posted it all over Facebook. Whenever I finish a project and give it to the owner, I feel just like I turned in a term paper and finished my last semester exam! Oh, the freedom! Instantly, the weight is lifted off my shoulders but just for a little while because a new semester is

starting! Word of mouth is a powerful tool. I already have a new project due in December. This one is for a man who wants to surprise his wife for her 70th birthday with a quilt of their three children. This will be my most ambitious project, yet! I've done two people. Remember Uncle Hubert (Geese Ausbie of the Harlem Globetrotters) and my Aunt Awilda with the purple hair? But this quilt will have three people, and three is more than two! I've got to get busy! So much pressure! The surprise depends on me!

I don't want to blow it!!!!!! Ok, I'm calming down. Taking some deep breaths. There's nothing to do but begin. No need to get overwhelmed.

Just breathe. After all, it's just fabric and thread!

Choose Joy!
Kathy



Community Service: Carol B, Emily S, Jolene K, Kay S, Sally N, Sandy L, and Sharon G. Dawn H. Chair (no report for Aug.)

As Guild members we strive to be a part of our community by making comfort quilts. There are many examples of how the quilts provide an ongoing comfort to the recipients and especially to their families. For years we have provided quilts for Hospice patients, and those quilts are cherished by the surviving families. We each have a part in helping these families during a difficult time.

Karen P.



AUGUST 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The AUGUST General Meeting is **AUG 25TH**, 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.

MEMBERSHIP: Deirdre B

Hi everyone,

Here is a quick update following our July meeting, where we had 33 members attend in person and 7 via Zoom. We welcomed four guests, as well as two new members, Susan S. and Debra P. To date, we have 65 paid members, which includes at least four new members who have joined over the past few months.

Please note that sign-ups for our Fall retreat begin at this upcoming meeting. To avoid being put on a waitlist for classes or beds, please ensure your dues are paid by then, as priority will be given based on the date dues were received.

As a reminder, after August 31, you will no longer receive Guild emails or reminders if your dues are not paid.

Deirdre



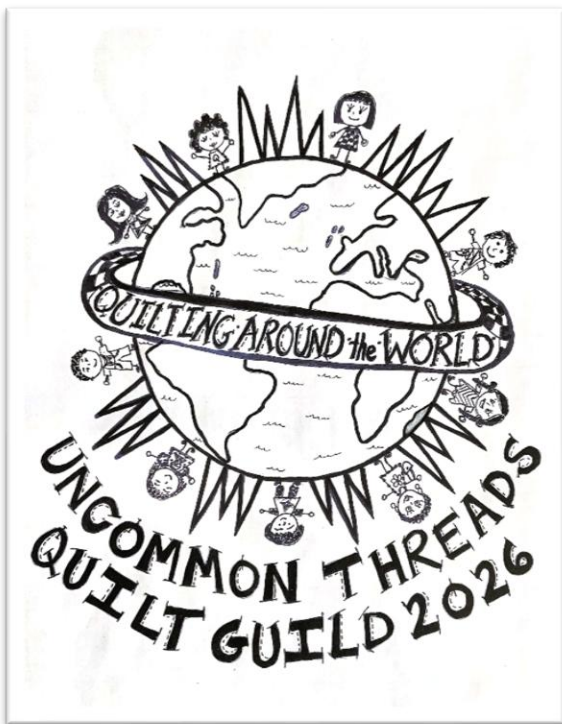
Hospitality AUGUST

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Thanks to everyone for all the delicious food we have enjoyed at the meetings recently. This month we will have a **Big Potluck and Retreat Sign Up!** So please bring something good to share as we get geared up for the November retreat

signups!

Sue and Sallye



Retreat: Melissa D.

Are you excited for our 2026 Retreat - Quilting Around the World with Alice Ridge? I certainly am! The dates this year will be November 13th - 15th with pre- and post- retreat as usual at St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center. Keep an eye on the retreat page of our website for retreat details.

Congratulations to Wendy on the winning T-shirt design! Shirts will be light pink this year. Retreat Registration (including t-shirt and fat quarter orders) opens during our August meeting. T-shirts and fat quarters must be ordered by September 30th, so mark your

calendars if you are interested in ordering one.

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



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.



PROGRAMS:

Melissa D.

I hope everyone is staying cool during all this August heat. A great indoor activity is quilting, of course! During our August meeting, Stacye R. will be presenting **Chalk and Rulers**. In this program about domestic machine quilting, she will go over machines used, tools for quilting, and quilting suggestions. Be sure to join us in person or online for all the tips, tricks, and tools to use for domestic machine quilting!



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

Annie M	8/1
Dee C	8/4
Donna M	8/9
Sandy C	8/11
Wendy J	8/12
Pam W	8/13
Nancy A	8/15
Shannon T	8/19
Stacye R	8/29
Jill G	9/10
Sandy L	9/12
Doreen L J	9/15
Lori H	9/22
Janice C	9/24
Margaret S	9/26
Janet C	9/29



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R

I'm sending a card to Iris T's husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Deloris

Challenge



CHALLENGE: Wendy J & Christine G

Happy August quilters!

As I write this article, the weather outside is frightfully hot! It is a good time to stay indoors and piece quilt blocks for our Fat quarter Shop Sewcialites 3 challenge.

Block 23 (pictured) was supposed to be so simple.

I didn't have time to make the block on the Friday it was introduced, so I cut out the pieces

and saved them for later. When I began to make the block I looked at the directions, but I didn't read them. Big mistake! I made four "circles" instead of two circles and two 9 patches. LOL!! My mistake became a bonus! I fixed the 6 inch block and ended up with three bonus 3 inch blocks! Now I have 25 three inch blocks to add to my quilt!

The **last** block for this 25 week Sewcialites 3 challenge is August 14. The good news is that all of the blocks for Sewcialites 3, 2, and 1 are still available on the Fat Quarter Shop website for free! The finishing directions will be shared sometime after August 14 (probably August 21).

If you have not participated in this challenge, please try making a few blocks and make a table runner. Then we will assemble our quilts to share in November.

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

Please bring any or all block numbers 23, 24, and 25 to share during our August 25th meeting.

God bless and happy quilting! Wendy J

The Communications Committee

Sally N - Chair



The Communications Committee has been working to provide all members with information about the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild and its activities. Our Guild's four major communication methods are the newsletter, website, direct emails to members in good standing, and Facebook. The Communications Committee is also responsible for managing Zoom for our meetings and sew-togethers. We hope



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	25 AUG	H
Retreat Meeting 6pm	25 AUG	H
*Board Meeting	*8 SEP	V
Guild Meeting	22 SEP	H

you have found the method that serves you best, but we also recognize that members may use all methods at times.

This month, I would like to feature our website: <https://www.ucquilts.com/>

We have tried to provide comprehensive information about the guild and its activities on the website. We also attempt to include information about quilting activities and opportunities in the community. The website includes pages for:

- Guild challenges
- Our newsletters
- Retreat information
- Community Service communications and activities
- Membership information
- Meeting details and handouts from past meetings
- Community quilt shows
- A directory of local quilt shops and services
- A password-protected "Members Only" section with information available only to members in good standing

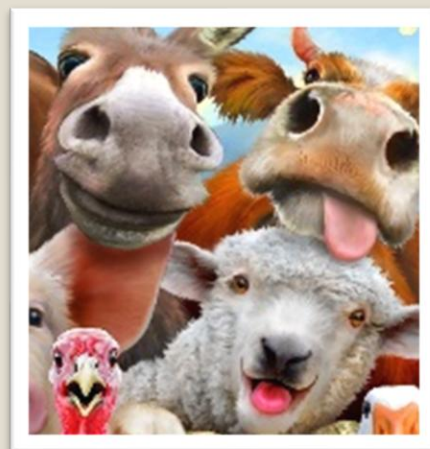
At our August meeting, there will be a review of navigating the website with an on-screen look at these fun and informative pages.



Traveling Quilter- Maggie Valley, NC Sandy C

Antler Valley Quilt Shop opened about 2 years ago just before the hurricane hit North Carolina. The shop itself sustained very little damage but the entire area around Maggie Valley is still recovering from the hurricane and flood damage. Owner Beth Kasper has a real eye for color with a LARGE selection of Kona cottons, she also stocks Northcott, Riley Blake and mountain themed fabrics. Her strong point seems to be in selecting fat quarter color groups based on mountain photographs of the Smokies (see photos). Antler Valley Quilt Shop is located at 2579 Socco RD, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
Phone: 828-944-0200.

Spring/Summer and Fall hours are as follows: Monday 2-8 pm, Tues-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat 2-7pm. The shop is closed on Sunday and over the winter. The owner is a young mom who has arranged the schedule to make time for her kids. If you travel to the Smokies this summer or next I would recommend stopping at this charming small shop where you can stock up on Kona solids.



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.



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.

August 25, 2026
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.

September 8, 2026* a Tuesday
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!



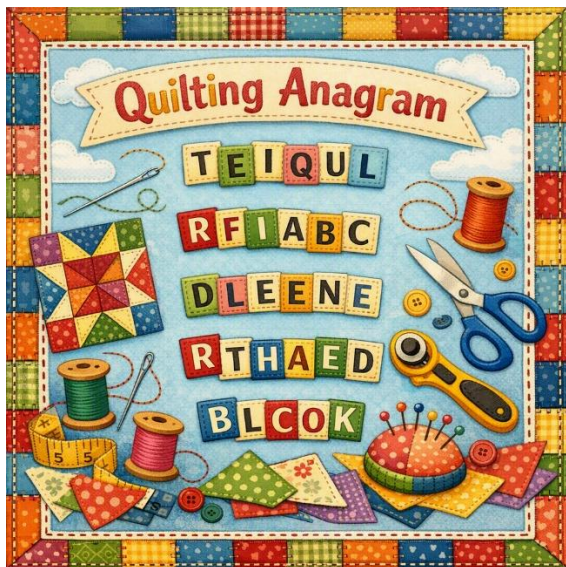
From the Editor

All submissions are best made using my email, thequiltedpage@aol.com with Newsletter in the Subject. The deadline for the SEP newsletter is Wednesday, SEP 9th.

Karen P

Remember:

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



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