

Threadlines

Newletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENT'S Message:



Janice C

“While in the merry month of May...

Hello Quilty Friends,

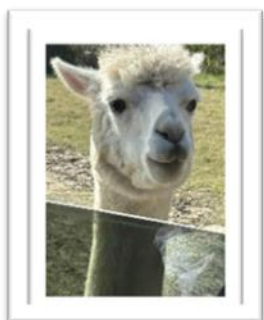
May brings my reign as “Queen Bee” AKA president to a close. It has been a busy year and with the help of many people we have had great quilting meetings and extra activities.

Our programs have included a range of topics. Members have expanded our knowledge by their expertise with program topics and sharing at Show & Tell each month. We had fun with the monthly challenges in 2025 and continue this year with Sewcialites 3. So many people contributed to our hospice charity quilts by sewing tops, quilting tops, binding quilts and delivering quilts. We had a great time with Natalie from Missouri Star at our November retreat. Ricky Tims wowed us with his program in the fall, too.

This month’s program is all about our presidents and the blocks members made to thank them for their service to the guild.

Thank you to all the hands that helped Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild function smoothly this year. You know who you are. I’m looking forward to handing over the mike to our next President and joining you at one of the tables in June.

Love & happy sewing to all,
Janice Cate



MEMBERSHIP: Deirdre B

The meeting was well attended in person and on Zoom. Please continue to invite others to come visit and hopefully join us.
Deirdre



MAY 2026

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

The May General Meeting is **MAY 26TH**, 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.



Retreat: Melissa D.

Start getting excited for our 2026 Retreat! The dates this year will be November 13th - 15th with pre- and post- retreat as usual at St. Columba Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center. Can't wait to see you there!

Alice Ridge will be our teacher at our 2026 retreat themed Quilting Around the World. Alice is well traveled, and her classes reflect that. Check out our guild website for information on the classes we have requested she teach. The retreat committee will meet very briefly before our May meeting at 6:00



PROGRAMS:

Melissa D.

What are Presidents Blocks and why do we do them? Join us for our May meeting to find out! We will learn a bit about the history of the tradition and see some examples of what past presidents have done with their blocks



Community Service: Pat D

Wow this year just seemed to fly by. I will write a yearly report and let you know all we accomplished for the May meeting. This month we turned in 11 quilts to hospice. We made \$35 in fabric sales at the last meeting and \$200 from the sale of a large, donated quilt. Both amounts go towards us purchasing batting for our community quilts. Thank you once again for all you do to help brighten the rooms for hospice patients. It brightens an otherwise blah looking room and brings back pleasant memories too. Take care and keep quilting.
Your community quilts committee.
Chairperson, Pat D.



Hospitality MAY

ELECTION DAY POTLUCK

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Not only is it Election Day for our guild's officers but we also celebrate our Birthday this month. What better way to celebrate than to bring your favorite dish.

We appreciate you!
Your Hospitality Team
Sallye, Deloris and Sue



Show & Tell: Donna N

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.



CHALLENGE: Wendy J & Christine G

Hello quilters!

Our Sewcialites 3 challenge block #14 out of 25 will be shared by Kimberly Jolly on YouTube and on Facebook Friday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m. you may view any time. The photo shows my latest blocks. The first three blocks are from Sewcialites 3. The pink and red 3" block is from Sewcialites 2 and the big red tulip (6") is from Sewcialites 1.

There are several reasons why I like making the Sewcialites blocks. First, the blocks and tutorials are free. Next, three free patterns are provided, so I don't have to fret over how to place the blocks when I piece them together.

There are three sets of Sewcialites blocks to choose from. I can watch the demos at my convenience. Lastly, I enjoy the lessons on making these blocks and seeing other quilters' finished blocks.

*****Remember, the challenge will run through August for making the blocks, and the quilt completion date and presentations will be during our November meeting.

*****Sally N has made it easy for you to locate the Fat Quarter Shop sites on our guild website. For easy access, go to ucquilts.com. Thanks Sally N!

Please bring any or all block numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 to share during our May 26 meeting. If you don't have all of the blocks completed by meeting time, just bring what you have.

God bless and happy quilting!
Wendy J

fatquartershop.com

blog.FatQuarterShop.Com/Sewcialites



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH



And Next

Miriam O	5/4
Sallye L	5/19
Tanja K	5/22
Ann H	5/25
Dianne J	5/27
Mary Jean B	6/3
Vesta A	6/13
Christine G	6/18
Debbie S	6/21
Camille M	6/22
Lynn M	6/26
Kristen H	6/28
Patricia D	6/30



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R

The Communications Team:

Sally N and Shannon T



We are approaching the start of the Uncommon Threads year for 2026-2027 and will vote for new leadership at our May meeting. Hopefully you will get to know our new leaders and perhaps volunteer to lead or serve on a committee this year. In the May and June newsletters I will review all the ways the Communications Committee works to inform you of current activities and how you can communicate with the guild.

We communicate as a guild in four major ways:

1) Email -- Our email address is utquiltguild@gmail.com If you have a message or information that needs to reach all members or a specific group of members, please send your prepared message to the guild's address, including the date you want it sent and the intended recipients. This is usually for messages to all members, the Board, or a Committee. Emails go only to members in good standing.

2) Newsletter -- Our newsletter, Threadlines, is published each month about a week before our monthly meeting and includes articles from the officers and each committee. You can find all current guild information, the guild calendar, and many helpful tips for members. The newsletter is attached to an email and sent to all members. It is also posted on the website's newsletter page, making it a public document. For this reason, we do not include any private information such as last names or phone numbers without permission.

3) Website -- <https://www.ucquilts.com/> Our website includes current guild information and serves as a repository of information members or visitors might need or enjoy, such as meeting times and locations, handouts from our great programs, and archives of previous projects and programs. We also include Quilting News from other guilds or the community. There is also a Members Only section of the website, accessible only with a password where our guild directory, minutes, and other private information are available to members. Facebook -- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uncommontreadsquiltguild> --

4) The Facebook page is a fun way for our members to share their quilt journey daily, weekly, or occasionally. Many people from all over the world follow our Facebook group but Guild members share the majority of the posts. The Communications Committee monitors the group and posts announcements about our activities. Members are encouraged to post. Next month we will describe Uncommon Threads' use of Zoom to communicate and enjoy our Quilting Adventures.



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

Guild Meeting	26 MAY	H
Retreat Meeting 6pm	26 MAY	IP
Board Meeting	TBD JUN	V
Guild Meeting	23 JUN	H



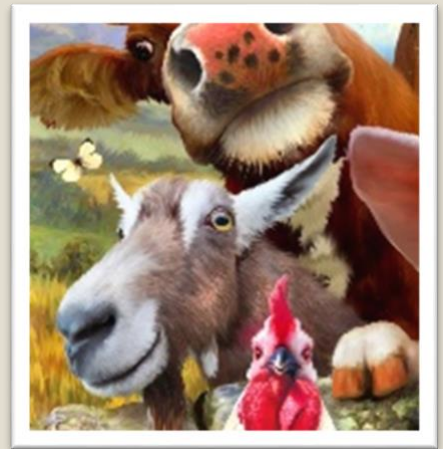
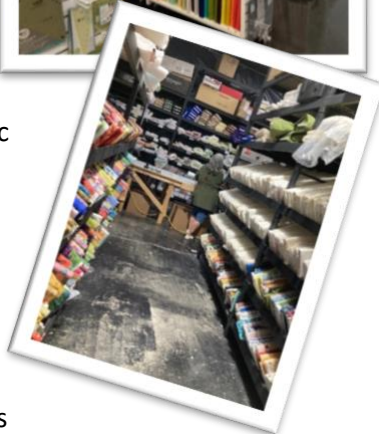
Traveling Quilter: Sandy C. – Dickson Tennessee

is a small town west of Nashville and a short distance from I-40 Interstate. It is the location of Sewing Parts Online, a shop I've been curious to visit after seeing some of their how-to videos on Facebook (usually done by "Bob"). The shop did not disappoint! You walk in to a grouping of machines.

I saw Baby Lock, Juki, Singer and Janome but on their website it looks as though they stock even more brands of sewing machines as well as sergers. Check out their website SewingPartsOnline.com for more information if you're interested in a machine or if you want to shop on-line. Located at 115 W Christi Dr, Dickson, TN 37055 615-740-8774, the shop is open Tuesday-Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 10am-4pm.

The biggest draw for me at the store was their fabric selection – the shop itself is 9,000 sq feet of machines and fabric, one of the associates I talked to said they would need more space to accommodate the stock they have in their warehouse! Fabric is arranged by collection, I found a large selection of batik fabric and a lot of traditional fabric too. I noticed a number of people migrating to the back room where fabric was stacked to the ceiling, this was the "sale" selection. In the photos you will notice 2 types of floors – a polished concrete (regular priced fabric) and an unpolished concrete (sale fabric). OMG the sale fabric selection looked to be larger than the regular priced fabric area at the front of the store!!! I counted 5 aisles of sale fabric 4 shelves high!

At the shop in addition to the machines and fabric, they have a selection of Glide thread in large spools as well as a large selection of Aurafil thread for domestic machines. Rulers and other "quilting condiments" are stocked too. This is a shop I will definitely visit again. If gas prices get too high consider carpooling with some friends for the 159 mile drive, or simply order on-line.



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 JUN newsletter is Wednesday, JUN 10TH.

Karen P

Wishing you all Happy Quilting!

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.

June 23, 2026
July 28, 2026
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.

Board Retreat

June 3-7, 2026

Member Retreat

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

Board Meetings

See the Members Only page for the Zoom Link.

DATES TO BE DETERMINED BY THE
INCOMING BOARD

Classes and Zoom Groups

See the Classes Webpage and/or
Newsletters for details

Zoom Sewing Room

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

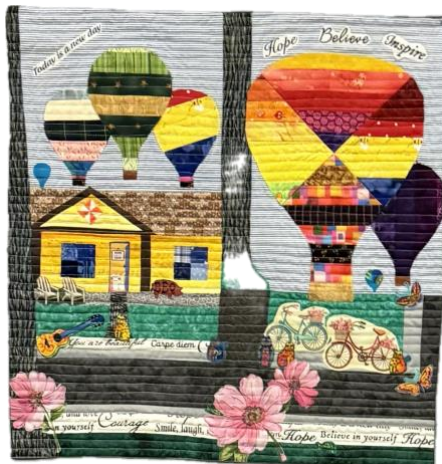
An Impromptu Zoom link is also available for
members to Sew Together Virtually. We
encourage all members to join the Zoom
Sewing Room anytime there is not a
scheduled Guild meeting.

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
- President's block or quilt
- Habitat Home Quilt
- Challenge Blocks
- Show and Tell
- Community Quilts (CQ)
- Sign your CQ Kit out &/or In
- Ca\$h for \$tash



From Kathy regarding the Habitat community quilt project:
We came up with a plan for displaying and distribution. The event is still
scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. An invitation with time and location
is coming soon!