

Threadlines

Newletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENT:

March 26th
Tie Hospice Quilts



STACYE R

From the President

On April 8, 2024, North America will experience the world's longest land-based solar eclipse in over a decade. The path of totality will cross parts of four states in Mexico, 15 U.S. states and

five Canadian Province. One of our own members, Karen P. lives in what is considered a prime viewing location. The Quilter's Hall of Fame in Marion, Indiana is preparing a special exhibit entitled, "Total Eclipse of the Quilt" which will open April 2 and run through May 4, 2024. You know quilter's would not let a world event pass without taking up needle and cloth to commemorate the happening in some form of fiber art. Maybe some of you already have art pieces related to previous Eclipse events or maybe you are inspired to create something as unique as the upcoming event. You have the skills, explore your creativity and see what you come up with. If you have created quilts for a similar phenomenon perhaps you would bring them to share during Show -n-Tell at the March meeting.

Here are some interesting facts about the upcoming eclipse taken from <https://www.space.com/10-things-you-probably-did-not-know-about-the-2024-total-solar-eclipse#>

1. Totality will occur on land for 100 minutes
2. It will be nothing like October's 'Ring of Fire' solar eclipse
3. Parts of 15 states will experience totality
4. Tennessee and Michigan get only a technical totality
5. A tiny village in the Mexican state of Durango will get the best view
6. It is part of a repeating event in North America.
 - Solar Eclipses come in families called Saros (Greek for repetition). Every 6,585.3 days, a shadow of the moon hits Earth of roughly the same proportions as the previous one. The total solar eclipse on April 8 is part of Saros 13=9, which 6,585.3 days previously on March 29, 2006, produced an almost identical totality for Africa and Asia. The next eclipse in Saros 139 after 2024 will occur on April 20, 2042 where totality will be visible from Indonesia, Eastern Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines. However, every fourth repetition (54 years), a total solar eclipse occurs in roughly the same place, something called an exeligmos.



March 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The March General Meeting is Tuesday, MAR 26th, plus the retreat planning mtg just before the business meeting at 6 pm at Germantown United Methodist Church, 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 4th Tuesday at Germantown UMC.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
The UTQG will follow the guidelines for Shelby County Schools in the event of inclement weather particularly ice and snow 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.

7. Seasons determine the path of totality
8. It's a "City Eclipse" as about 40 million people live within the path of totality.
9. Alaska misses out on totality, but not for long.
10. The U.K will have the last view of the eclipse.



MEMBERSHIP:

Deirdre B

Membership news: If any member needs to order a Name Tag, please let us know when you sign in. Also, as a guild, we are going to make a concerted effort from now on to get to know new members to help them feel welcome and included.

Let's welcome new member, Barbara R.

The February meeting had 32 members in person, and 6 members on Zoom.

We had two guests - Gigi B, and Barbara R. Barbara joined the guild.

Mary Beth H won the Door Prize, and Donna N was the name tag winner.

Show & Tell: Jody T

Whatever direction your quilting takes you we want to see it. If you cannot bring it in person to share at the February meeting, send pictures and the information you want to share to the guild email address UTquiltguild@gmail.com by Sunday Mar 24th. Remember to put Show and Tell in the subject line. Happy quilting!

The Sew-Along the patterns, videos, templates, and links for the 2023-24 Sew Along are still available on our website at

<https://www.ucquilts.com/sewalong-patterns-video-links>

Thank you, Camille, for putting all of this together for the guild!



Community Service

Sandy L. Pat D., Dotty J., Emily S., and Kay S.

The Community Quilts committee would like to thank everyone who brought Hospice Quilts for us to turn into the 2 units we support through Baptist Hospital. They are beautiful. We turned in 7 finished quilts to the Collierville location this month. Also we thank you for helping us find homes for fat quarters and other items to build up our treasury.

This month we will be bringing quilts to our meeting and hope you will help tie quilts. We usually get about 8 to 10 quilts done. Remember the Germantown Magazine will be there to take pictures and talk to several of you concerning the guild and community quilts. Please bring your own scissors and thimbles; we will furnish the rest.

Again, we thank you for all your support in this a much appreciated labor of love.

Your Community Quilts Committee
Sandy, Kay, Pat & Emily



RETREAT 2024: Is in November.

Hey, quilters!! Time to start planning for our November retreat at St. Columba!! The 1st meeting for the committee will be this month at 6 before guild. We welcome anyone, even new members, to come have fun as we make decisions for the retreat. Also need a volunteer to be co-chair to train with me so that person can be in charge next year. Just let me know!!

So far, I have secured Ann Wilson for the retreat 2024. She will teach a Laura Heine collage, the Sewing Machine. She has been certified by Laura Heine to teach. This would be a 6hr class. She will supply pattern & pattern ease for nominal cost.

She will also teach a class on applique with wool. The kit will be \$5.

Her lecture will be "Few of my favorite things".

Iris T.



HOSPITALITY TABLE

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.
Our table is a Pot-Luck. The selection has been fabulous! Bring your favorite dish or snack. Bring your own beverage. Water is provided. Thank you. Hospitality Team.



Donna N	03/02
Nancy J	03/31
Deirdre B	04/08
Agnes L	04/20
Patricia P	04/21
Sharon G	04/23
Karen L	04/29

PROGRAMS:



Hello my quilting friends!

Thank you, Sandy C, for demonstrating how to make pipe cleaner dolls. Also, thanks to those who watched my demonstration on how to write with thread on quilts. I hope many of you will try the two techniques and share your work.

March: We have a change in programming. Candice Baxter with the *Germantown Magazine* contacted Kay Smith about featuring our guild philanthropy project.

Representatives will be at our guild meeting to watch, question, and take photos as we tie quilts for hospice. **Don't be alarmed! If you don't want to be photographed, just let the photographer know.** Please join us for quilt tying, and help us finish more quilts for hospice.

April: How to make T-Shirt quilts by Iris Tyler. Iris is a very talented, ribbon-winning quilter, and she has a great deal of experience in designing and making T-shirt quilts.

May: How to design a challenge quilt by a panel of members who have designed quilts for various challenges. More information later.

June: Maybe Sharon G will be teaching a hands-on project: how to make a pretty box using your saved Christmas cards (or other greeting card). Any regular size greeting card will work.

Maybe Dawn C will demonstrate how to make a sewing caddy.

July: to be announced

August: Flora and Fauna Along the Tennessee Music Highway quilt challenge

(cotton museum) Today is a good day to start planning.

Happy quilting and God bless, Wendy J



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R.

Everyone,
For the month of March,
Corresponding Secretary
Sent cards to the following
recipients:

1. Dawn Carpenter - Death of an Aunt
 2. Donna Northcutt - Death
 3. Dawn Carpenter - Foot Surgery
 4. Sandy Lumsden - Thinking of You
- Regards, Deloris



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.

From the Communications Team:

Instead of having a monthly time set aside for the Zoom Sewing Room, we have decided to encourage members to enjoy sewing with friends any day, any time.



If you find yourself with a day or a morning or afternoon to sew, let others know and get on the Zoom link found on the Members Only page of the website and have an Impromptu Sew Together.

You can shout out to a group of friends via the Facebook group or Messenger or in a group text or email. Don't think you will like

Zoom Sewing? Try it, you might be surprised!

There are two groups who do this already. One communicates through a Messenger Group that Karen P. set up; ask to join and you'll find out when others are interested in Sewing Together. The other group meets every Thursday at 2:00 until about 5 or 5:30. Just log into Zoom any Thursday at that time and you will find at least two or three UTQG friends talking and sewing.

Quilting is always more fun with friends!

Sally N, Communications Chair

Traveling Quilter: Sandy C

She is sure to be enroute to some exciting quilt shop.



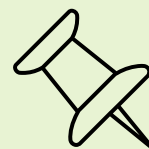
The Zoom link will be emailed to all members on the morning of each meeting as well as available to Guild members at ucquilts.com under the Members Only Tab. Contact Sally N. with any questions.

Did ewe know we have our own Sewing Room? As guild members, you have access to the ZOOM sewing room anytime there is not a guild planned meeting. Often you will see announcements of members Zoom sewing or create your own announcement. A full calendar can be found on the last page.



Next Meetings:

Guild Meeting	26 MAR	H
Board Meeting	8 APR	V
Guild Meeting	23 APR	H



Legend: H = Hybrid,
V = Virtual,
IP = In Person



Zoom sewing is a great way to sew with sister guild members without having to pack up your sewing machine and supplies.

Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild 2023 – 2024 Calendar

See the Guild Newsletter and/or website for details on time and locations.
<https://www.ucquilts.com/>

Guild Meetings

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

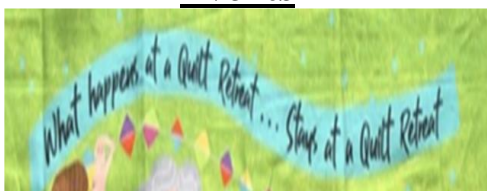
March 26, 2024
April 23, 2024
May 28, 2024

Board Meetings

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April 8, 2024
May 13, 2024

Retreats and Special Events



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CLASSIFIEDS

Faux Big Board Ironing Board for sale.
Lynn Martin has
2 of these ironing boards ready to go.
\$120.00 each
Text or Call
(901)355-2468

[An Impromptu Zoom Link](#) is also available for members to Sew Together Virtually. Please check the calendar and the newsletter for meeting dates before using the Impromptu Link. Updates can also be found on our calendar at [ucquilts.com](https://www.ucquilts.com)



Remember:

- Name Tag
- Potluck Dish or Snack
- Show and Tell
- Community Quilts
- Ca\$h for \$tash



From the Editor. All submissions are best made using my email, with Newsletter in the Subject. The deadline for the April newsletter is Wednesday, 10 APR. Karen P.

