

Threadlines

Newletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

April 22nd
Binding

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PRESIDENT:



SHARON G.

Hello sweet quilting friends,
I hope you are all well and safe after the rains and tornadoes last week. So many were/are displaced., I hope your homes are safe too.

I have been busy sewing this month, mostly hospice quilts, just trying to plow my way through my stash. I am so proud of our

guild and the way we step up to give hospice patients and their families a bit of solace in their time of sorrow. Please help in any way you can, we really could use some help with the quilting part. Please talk to Pat D, and volunteer. Many hands make faster work.

My year as president is coming to a close in a month or two. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you better, and helping where I could on our needs. I don't know that I got very far with a pictorial directory. If you haven't had your picture taken, please ask Claire P to snap one. It's so helpful to be able to put names with faces.

Melissa has some interesting programs coming up, be sure to come and learn. The nominating committee is working on a new slate of officers for next year and maybe they will be finished before the newsletter is released. But, if you are asked to help out on a committee, say yes (!). It's great to be involved.

Happy Easter to you all.

Sharon G

Zoom Series: Janice C The Quilter's Field Guide

to Color: A hands-on workbook for mastering fabric selection.

Hi,

Color Theory Zoom

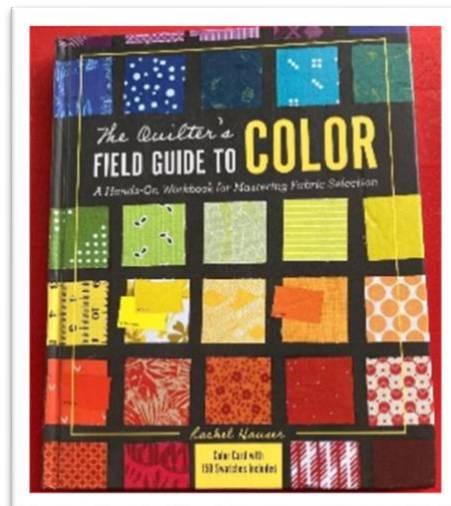
May 3 - Share # 10, 11, 12

May 31 - Share #13, 14

We will share our finished quilt or flimsy in the fall.

Always welcome to join us and share what you are making.

Janice C



April 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The March General Meeting is Tuesday, APR 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.

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 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: Jody T

April is known for showers. We all love the flowers that come in May after the April rains but enough rain already! Let's change things up and have it rain quilts at our meeting on April 22. This month has 5 Tuesdays so the meeting is earlier than usual. If you cannot make the meeting in person, please send pictures and whatever you want to share about your finished projects to the quilt email UTquilts@gmail.com. Send pictures by Sunday April 20. Put Show and Tell in the subject line. We want to see what you have been doing this month!
Jody T



MEMBERSHIP:

Deirdre B

We have a new member - Dawn H. She will be moving here from Florida this summer and found us online. She has been a quilter for many years and looks forward to connecting with us.



That brings us to 81 paid members. Remember to check back with your friends who may have visited us and encourage them to visit again.

Deirdre



Retreat: Iris T.

Retreat is still several months away!! Melissa will be taking over as retreat chair soon. A meeting for all that would want to help will be announced soon!! Please consider joining with this yearly retreat at St. Columba Episcopal Retreat Center!! Also, please consider becoming an intern coordinator to Melissa as she gets everything going. Then you can be the coordinator for retreat 2026!!

CHALLENGE

Wendy J & Christine G

Hello quilt friends!

Thank you, members, for sharing your April blocks and finished quilts, which are amazing! (cont'd)



Sandy L, Pat D, Emily S, and Kay S Hello Ladies. You have all been busy making quilt tops and finishing quilts. We so appreciate all of you. We haven't turned in any quilts yet this month but the month isn't over yet. I know we will get some finished soon. Remember to sign in when you do anything to the hospice quilts. We will be giving away nice gifts at the May meeting. That means turn in your quilts in April or bring them to one of the committee members before the May meeting. Thank you once again for all you do to make the hospice rooms feel more like home. Have a blessed Easter.
Your Community Quilts Committee.



GUILD BIRTHDAY POTLUCK

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.

Our table is Potluck.

BRING A DISH
TO CELEBRATE

Please bring a dish to share this month. Thanks to all for continuing to bring a dish to share.
Thank you.
Hospitality Team

May blocks are due this month. We call our blocks by the month when they are due, but you may make any block! Bring one or two blocks to share, and make sure that you sign in with the number of your blocks. If you haven't shared blocks, you may join the fun at anytime. If you need ideas for blocks, go to quilterscache.com, Pinterest, or a source of your choice.

The quilt above is made with Christine's May blocks. Block suggestions are any basket block and the diamond star block. As the poem says, "April showers bring May flowers", so flowers are good choices. Lily of the Valley is the birth month flower, and the Memphis Rose Society used to present a Mother's Day rose show. A few months ago, I (Wendy) bought a *Rose Garden* table runner kit, which I am using for my blocks.



Monthly Guidelines for our guild challenge:

1. Two different blocks are to be completed/any size.
2 blocks completed=2 tickets/1 ticket=1block
2. Members do not have to take part each month.
3. Blocks must be turned in during the month specified, except for an absence.
4. Tickets will be used to award prizes at the end of the challenge period.

Ideas for the blocks:

- *perpetual calendar
- *wall hanging for family member on their birthday month
- *combine your blocks to make a sampler quilt
- *table toppers/runners

Christine and I hope to see more blocks this month!

The Communications Team:



You have access to the ZOOM sewing room anytime there is not a guild planned meeting. A few groups meet on a fairly regular basis.

- Thursdays at 2-5 or 6 will find a group of friends sewing who have been meeting on Zoom since 2020

- A group that meets irregularly for fellowship while they are in their sewing

spaces, gets together by sending a group message. If you want to join the group, send a message to Karen P or Deirdre B. This group meets during the day.

You can join any of these groups or create your own. There is no official sign ups but let us know if you and your friends have set a specific time to get together.

Sally N, Communications



And Next

Deirdre B	4/8
Becky S	4/12
Agnes L	4/20
Patricia S	4/21
Sharon G	4/23
Mary C	4/26
Miriam O	5/4
Arlene A	5/14
Sallye L	5/19
Tanja K	5/22
Dianne J	5/27



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Deloris R

Thank You cards were sent to the following:

Linda H, donations of Fabrics and Quilts,
Deneen R, donation of Batting for Charity Quilts

Sent a Get Well card to Debbie S. for sickness but per Kay Smith it's the wrong person.

Regards
Deloris



**Traveling Quilter:
Sandy C – Cape Girardeau**

Cape Girardeau is a college town located about 3 hours north of Memphis on I-55. My last trip back from St. Louis I decided to check out Cotton Mill Quilt Co., located at 231 S Broadview St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 (about 1-2 miles off I-55). The shop is open MWThF 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm Closed Sunday and Tuesday. 573-803-0493. The owner (Rebecca Moore) is a retired O.R. nurse and enjoys talking with customers. Her business card says she offers classes, but I didn't see a classroom.

The shop is rather small but packed full of fabric and two long arms. Her fabric lines include Tilda fabric from Norway, another line from Denmark called Melange by Stoffabrics.com and a line called Quiltsforkids.org by QTfabrics.com. The Melange line is a fabric with a nice hand, has a linen look to it and reads as a solid. She also has a nice selection

of quilt backings 108" most that read as solids.

The quiltsforkids.org is a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming fabrics into quilts to comfort children facing serious illness, trauma, abuse or natural disasters. (cont'd)

I think the Tilda fabric line is similar to Tula Pink with more muted colors. They print limited quantities of each line and develop a new line every year or two. In addition, they have a variety of free patterns available for download at <https://www.tildasworld.com>. I think most of her fabrics would be considered traditional fabrics, if you're interested in fabric lines you won't find anywhere else, I'd check them out but be advised the fabrics from Norway and Denmark are not cheap, so be prepared to pay a premium price.



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.

Next Meetings:

Guild Meeting	22 APR	H
Board Meeting	14 MAY	V
Guild Meeting	27 MAY	H

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

PROGRAMS:



Melissa D.

For our April program, Lynn and Sally N will

share their thoughts on the importance of planning for your binding while designing and piecing your quilt.

They will demonstrate:

* Deciding on the style of binding or facing

- * Trimming and squaring the quilted quilt
- * Attaching the binding or facing with mitered corners
- * And last, but not least the age-old question, do you sew it down by machine or by hand?

Be sure to join us in person or online for this month's program!

Sincerely,
Melissa D
Programs

DO YOU EQ?

Free EQ Lessons have resumed. Since there are small groups of quilters that use EQ, this group will be open to anyone who would like to learn EQ. Lynn M will be using EQ8 in her instruction.

A separate Zoom is being used so that non-members of Uncommon Threads can join in on these lessons. If you wish to participate, please send an email to Lynn M at materialholic@gmail.com. You will be sent an invite to join this group on Zoom, the week of the meeting, with a link included. Come and see what EQ can do for you, especially if you are considering EQ for your future. Right now we will meet at 4:00 on the days below via Zoom.

Thank you,
Lynn

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June 21 – Basic Applique

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September 20 – Open Lessons

If you happen to be in Austin TX...

Recently I traveled with my DH to Austin. While there my MIL turned me on to the Austin Creative Reuse store. It is loaded with oodles of craft supplies for just about whatever you could dream of. The store was divided by types of craft. The quilting fabrics were clean and bundled by size and labeled at \$4/yd. There were several machines for sale that are more recent models. Not to mention tools and machine parts. A fun store to visit. Karen P



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 MAY newsletter is Wednesday, May 14th.

Karen P

Guild Meetings

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

April 22, 2025

May 27, 2025

Retreats and Special Events

Refer to Guild Communications for details.

Member Retreat

November, 2025

FREE! Virtual EQ Lessons

Contact Lynn M. to enroll at
materialholic@gmail.com

Lesson begins at 4p.m. on these dates.

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Board Meetings

May 12, 2025

Zoom Sewing Room

Monthly Color Theory

Saturday Zoom

10 A.M.

May 3 - Finding Your Way Experiments 10-12 + Sew and Tell

June 7 - Working in Cloth Experiments 13 & 14 + Sew and Tell

The link can be found on the Members only page of the Website: <https://www.ucquilts.com/members-only>

An Impromptu Zoom link is also available for members to Sew Together Virtually



Quilting is always more fun with friends!



Remember:

- Name Tag
- Potluck Dish
- Challenge Blocks
- Show and Tell
- Community Quilts
- Sign your CQ Kit out &/or In
- Ca\$h for \$tash