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# Threadlines

Newletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

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## PRESIDENT's Message: Kathy C

**NOVEMBER 17TH**
**RETREAT REPORT/SHOW & TELL**

Hey ya'll!



In 1994, my mother-in-law asked me to write a poem for her Thursday Night or Die Quilting Club. The club grew from the efforts of two churches – Trinity United Methodist and Centenary United Methodist - to promote unity in Memphis. I shared it with our guild more than 10 years ago, but I thought it may be a good time to share it again. Quilting. Maybe it is more than *fabric and thread*!

### PATCHWORK INTEGRATION

They came
each bringing life remnants.
Some with large, overbearing pieces.
Others with small ones, barely noticed.
Brilliant, satin swatches placed
right beside faded, cotton ones,
polka dots next to stripes,
unthinkable combinations.
Soft and rough
Light and dark
SCRAPS,
too valuable to discard.
Individually stitching,
COLLECTIVELY,
they transformed
the mix-matched
into something
SPLENDID.

Choose Joy!
Kathy



## NOVEMBER 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The NOVEMBER General Meeting is NOV 17TH 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 on the 4th Tuesday except for November and December** 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: Dawn H. Chair
### Carol B, Emily S, Jolene K, Kay S, Sally N, Sandy L, and Sharon G

During this season of Thanksgiving, I want to reflect on the ways we have been able to share our gifts and talents with others in our community. We have provided quilts to the hospice center in Collierville (17 October/Nov), bringing comfort to patients and their families, gathered for a sew-together to make 64 drawstring tote bags for guests at the Room in the Inn to support families they serve, and to sew 50 stockings for the Dove, Inc., a program in Illinois that serves families who are victims of domestic violence. Your generosity and hard work continue to make a meaningful impact in our local community and beyond.

To continue that spirit into 2027 we are planning another sew-together on January 23rd at Emmanuel United Methodist Church from 9am-3pm. Lunch will be provided at cost for members who register ahead of time (details will be shared in December). Members can choose to spend the day sewing on a project of their own, tying quilts, or making adult clothing protectors for the hospice center in Collierville.

**For those who may want to get started early on this new project, the directions and pattern for the adult clothing protectors are on pages 7 and 8.**

## MEMBERSHIP: Deirdre B

Please encourage others to come visit our guild - pass out our business card and like our FB page..
word of mouth is a great way to recruit new members.
Deirdre






## Hospitality
## NOVEMBER

Sallye L., Sue F., Deloris R.
Thanksgiving Snacks & Stitching
As we gather this November, let's add a little extra flavor to our meeting! Please bring your thanksgiving-inspired snack, appetizer or sweet treat to share. Whether it's a family favorite, a seasonal recipe or a little something store bought, we'd love to sample it! Come Hungry, bring your holiday cheer and enjoy some fellowship, quilting, and delicious treats with our quilting friends. We're thankful for each and everyq1 one of you!!!

Sallye, Deloris and Sue




## Next Meetings:

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

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| *Guild Meeting | **17 NOV** | H |
| Board Christmas Party | **TBD** | IP |
| *Christmas Party | **16 DEC** | H |




# Retreat: Melissa D.

Retreat happens every year in the middle of November right before the holiday project panic sets in. It's always a fun time, and this year we are traveling the world through quilting in Quilting Around the World with Alice Ridge.

A huge thank you to the committee who makes it all happen! As I type this, we are doing our final coordinations to make sure we have a great event. If you are coming to retreat: I'm excited to see you there! If you can't make it this year: come to (or Zoom in to) our November guild meeting to see what we got up to.



# PROGRAMS:

**Melissa D.**

Every year, we have our retreat in the middle of November. What did everyone get up to? Who won the challenge? What were the classes like? At our November meeting, there will be a retreat report to show what happened and how retreat turned out. Join us at our November meeting (take a look at the date in this newsletter as November and December meetings are shifted due to the holidays) to see what retreat-goers got up to!

December is fast approaching, and that means our Christmas Party will be here before you know it! Please bring a dish to share, a gift for the gift exchange, and a block for the holiday friendship block exchange if you are interested in participating.

This year, if you would like to participate in the optional gift exchange, please bring a gift with about a $20 value. If you can






**And Next**

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| Ellen L | 11/5 |
| Erin S | 11/12 |
| Carmen W | 11/12 |
| Dawn C | 11/16 |
| Jane J | 11/17 |
| Karen P | 11/24 |
| Yolanda S | 11/24 |
| Marjorie L | 12/2 |
| Valerie M | 12/3 |
| Nancy M | 12/14 |
| Elizabeth J | 12/15 |
| Anna P | 12/20 |
| Rachel T | 12/21 |
| Marion D | 12/23 |
| Christine H | 12/24 |
| Ann D | 12/25 |
| Lori M | 12/25 |
| Jody T | 12/27 |
| Rhonda M | 12/28 |



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Deloris R

make it holiday or quilting related, that is preferred. The gift should be wrapped or in a bag, completely concealed so people can't peek!





If you want to join in our optional holiday friendship block exchange, a tradition we started last year, please make a 12.5" unfinished snowman block. Last year we did Christmas Tree blocks, and this year we are doing snowmen. There is no specific pattern you must follow or color restrictions you should adhere to. The only requirement is, if you want to participate, please bring a block that is 12.5 inches square and has a snowman prominently displayed on it. Be sure to sign your block, too. These are meant to be friendship blocks that can provide a quick holiday project to whip up as a pillow case, place mat, table runner, wall hanging, etc. Or they can be saved as a collection to make a quilt or other item(s) after a few years.




## The Communications Committee

**Sally N - Chair**

https://www.ucquilts.com/





## 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.




## Wendy J & Christine G

Happy November quilters!

November's guild meeting will be here in a flash, so I hope to see all of your beautiful Sewcialites quilts! Tina, your quilt is amazing. Everyone, please bring your quilts to our guild meeting. I hope to get a group photo with our quilts.

I had a funny dingbat period this month. I started to quilt my Sewcialites quilt at my sit down long arm and my needle was stopped by the hook race. I did everything I could think of to fix the problem with no luck. I finally called my Innova tech and found that I had my needle backwards!! LOL. PROBLEM SOLVED! The moral of the story is to laugh at our silly mistakes.

Remember that the Moda Blockheads year 7 weekly blocks event is happening now. I am collecting some of the patterns to save for later.

*****For easy access to the Moda Blockheads patterns, go to my.modafabrics.com.

God bless and happy quilting!

Wendy J

fatquartershop.com
blog.FatQuarterShop.Com/Sewcialites
YouTube

## Ways & Means:

Margaret S.

Guild Pins are available for $3.

## $tash for Ca$h

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.



**From the Editor**

**All submissions are best made using my email, thequiltedpage@aol.com with Newsletter in the Subject. The deadline for the DEC newsletter is Wednesday, DEC 2ND.**

**Karen P**



**Traveling Quilter: Look here for Sandy C's next adventure.**

## 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.

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.**

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

*Varies from 2rd 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!**



# 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.

Remember:

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



# Adult Clothing Protector Pattern

**1 yard fabric or 2 half-yard pieces of coordinating fabric (flannel is a good option as it is absorbent)**

**3” velcro**

**Cut two pieces of fabric 18”x30”. Fold both pieces of fabric in half lengthwise and place the pattern on the fold near the top of the fabric to cut the neckline.**

**Place right sides together and sew around outside leaving the bottom open for turning.**

**Turn right sides out.**

**Fold bottom edges in ½” and press. Top-stitch bottom edge to close.**

**Attach velcro to the underside of one side of the neck tab. Attach velcro to the top side of the other tab. Velcro should be facing each other when tabs overlap.**

# Adult Clothing Protector

- cut From 18"x31" rectangles

