



Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild, Inc. a 501(c)(3) organization  
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Established 2003

We meet every first Thursday at the Alachua County Elder Care Senior Recreation Center, 5701 NW 34th Boulevard in Gainesville from 9:30a.m. to noon.

Every meeting offers a new program, show & tell of members' quilts and projects, and many learning and networking opportunities. After the meeting, many of us go out to lunch at a local restaurant to prolong the fun. Meetings are open to all interested quilters of ALL skill levels. We celebrate our guild birthday in August and winter holidays in December. Dues are \$25 per year.

OUR BEES ARE VERY BUSY! A "bee" is a group of quilters who focus their attention on a particular aspect of quilting. They're a great place to jump in, start learning and get to know other members. Bees enable quilters to explore new or expanded areas of the craft, provide tips and demonstrations of techniques, and offer great camaraderie and lots of encouragement.

- ✚ Beyond Beginners - 4th Thu 9am-noon
- ✚ Community Service - 3rd Thu 9am-noon
- ✚ Fiber Art Bee (FAB) - 2nd Thu 1-4pm
- ✚ Hand Quilting & More - Each Mon 9am-noon
- ✚ Machine Embroidery - 2nd Thu 9am-noon
- ✚ Miniature Quilts - 2nd Mon 12:30-4pm
- ✚ Red, White and Blue - 4th Mon 1-4pm
- ✚ Scrap Masters – 3rd Thu 12:30 - 4

#### OTHER GUILD ACTIVITIES:

- ✚ Monthly programs
- ✚ Secret Siblings
- ✚ Fat Quarter Lottery
- ✚ Workshops
- ✚ Day Camp – 3 full days of member-taught
- workshops (quilting, sewing, other projects)
- ✚ Group activities – lottery blocks, annual UFO challenge, round robins, swaps & more
- ✚ Outings to quilt shows and expos, museums, shop hops, and mystery bus tours.

#### GUILD WEBSITE:

Our "Members Only" webpages are chock full of patterns, tips, techniques, weblinks and reference charts. You'll also find our newsletters, minutes, event and workshop details, policies and bylaws.

#### QUILT EXHIBITS & SHOWS:

- ✚ Our Fiber Art Bee's mixed media quilt of the Thomas Center is on permanent display there
- ✚ Annual "Quilts in the Library" Exhibit, honoring National Quilting Month (March)
- ✚ Quilting Natural Florida I & II – our two Collaborations with the University of Florida Museum of Natural History (2007 and 2010) garnered national and international recognition.
- ✚ Dudley Farm Historic State Park Quilt Exhibit (2004 – 2006)

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

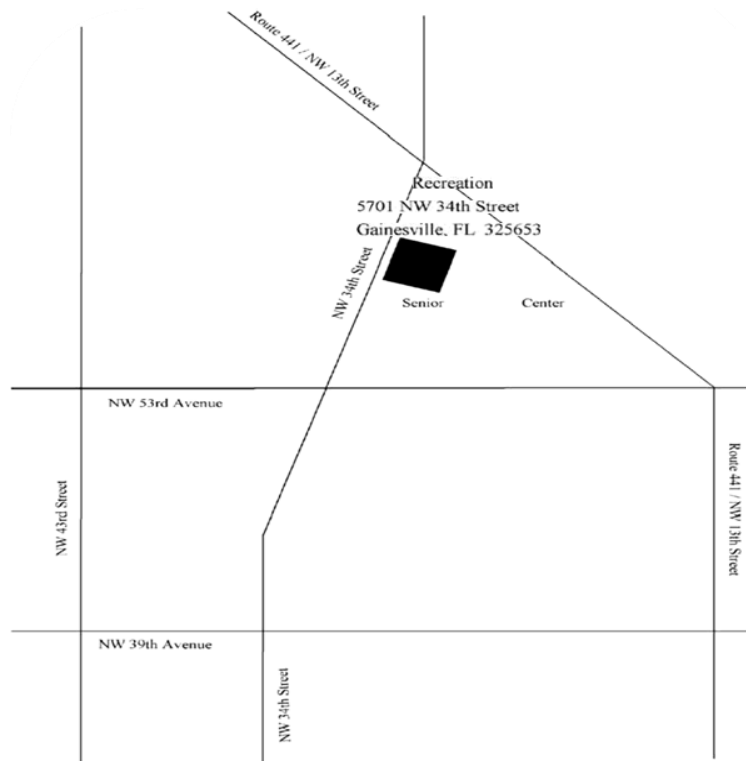
Since our founding in 2003, our members have made and donated more than 1,275 quilts, 600 tote bags, 575 stuffed bears, 850 pillow cases, 300 medical dolls and 225 doll quilts. In 2015 alone, we made and donated 255 quilts (46 of the quilts, made by the Red, White & Blue Bee, went to Fisher House), 334 pillow cases, 49 totes and 59 stuffed bears. The list grows every year, thanks to our generous members! **Read on→**

Organizations that have received our community service products include:

- Guardian ad Litem
- Peaceful Paths
- Shands Hospital (cancer and pediatric units)
- Shands Elder Care
- Healthy Families
- Arbor House
- Fisher House
- Family Promise
- Grace Market Place
- Quilts of Valor
- Ronald McDonald House
- Alzheimer's Art Initiative
- Alachua County Fire Rescue
- Alachua County Public Schools
- Waldo Fire Department
- other non-profit organizations

Through our community outreach program, members have taught quilting to children through the Foster Grandparent programs, worked with Arbor House to teach quilting skills to their residents, held free quilting programs in the county libraries, and conducted other activities that take QACDG into the community to share our love of quilting. Guild members are invited to help, and new ideas for reaching into our community are always welcome.

## *Come join us!*



### OUR MISSION

Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) corporation dedicated to the heritage of quilting and related arts for individuals of north central Florida through education, inspiration and information.