

Allatoona Quilters Guild



August 2026

AII CALENDAR EVENTS

All Meetings start at 10:00

First Tuesdays – General Meeting

Second Tuesdays --Sit and Sew

Third Tuesdays – Board Meeting- ZOOM

Fourth Tuesdays – Block of the Month

Fifth Tuesdays-- Community Service Sew-in

2026 AQG CALENDAR



- ● **August 4-** Get Ready for the Holidays
- ● **September 1-** Dianna Quinn on Southeast Fiber Arts Association
- ● **October 6-** Tara Miller, “Mixing Prints”
- ● **October 13** Full day “Legacy Wheel” class
- ● **November 3-** Block Bonanza Finale, UFO Prizes, VP Reveal
- ● **December 1-** Community Service Presentations, Acworth Police

Aug. President's News!

Shelly Jones

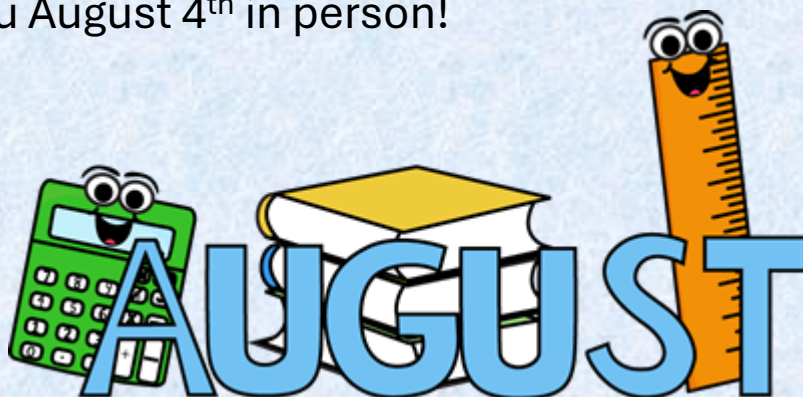
We are back!

We are back at Roberts School for our August General Meeting.

It has been a wonderful summer. Some of you traveled. Some had family visiting. Some were able to attend our scattered in-person and zoom meetings. It has been fun: ice cream social at Red Top State Park, Community Service Sew-in at Summit Baptist Church classroom and Sit & Sew at the Acworth Police Station Community Room, and over zoom we were able to see each other in our sewing rooms.

And now back to Roberts where our programs team has planned a wonderful program you will not want to miss. See you August 4th in person!

Shelly





August 4th program

Sue McBride



“Get Ready for the Holidays!”

We will have 5 members doing demos of holiday decor and gifts. Some things will be shown as Christmas but can just as easily translate to other holidays. They are mostly quick and easy!



August Meeting Continued

“Get Ready for the Holidays!”

- There will be 3 stations in the classroom and 2 in the hallway. Members will rotate through the stations. On that day, you will receive an email with links to the projects, as well as a PDF with some instructions. This will save us on printing, and will assure that you have everything you were interested in. We hope you will enjoy these fun ideas!
- **Scrap Mountain:** The Holiday Edition will be there!! Bring fabric for **any** holiday and add to the mountain, find some goodies to bring home with you!



- **Show and Tell:** Please bring your Camden bags for all to admire! It's always fun to see the same pattern in many different variations of fabric.



- If you have taken a class with Tara Miller in the past and made her Legacy Wheel quilt, please bring it to show.
- She will be doing a lecture and class for us in October.

September Meeting

Diana Quinn will be joining us as the President of SEFAA, that's the Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance in Chamblee. It's a community of creatives with interests in stitching, weaving, printing and more. We know Diana as a quilter who also does wool embroidery, but she does more and so does SEFAA, so plan to be there September 1 to learn her story.

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October Meeting

October will bring quilt historian Tara Miller to our guild with her lecture on Mixing Prints. She has been a board member of the American Quilt Study Group, been featured in Quiltfolk, has appeared on [The Quilt Show](#) and endeared herself with [The Six Know-It-Alls](#) which only validates her extensive knowledge of historical traditions. You won't want to miss this one.

She will be sharing her lecture on Mixing Prints on October 6 and teaching a class for us on her Legacy Wheel pattern on October 13. This will be parallel to a Sit and Sew day as it is a 6 hour class. (Note the date was originally reserved for October 20 but was changed to the 13th. Please mark that change on your calendars!)

Our Board has agreed to hold the price of this class down to an amazing \$50, but we need 15 members who are interested in the class. Sign-ups will begin at the August meeting!

VICE PRESIDENT'S NEWS



UFO Challenge 2026

The UFO Challenge **continues!**

The Challenge began in February.

There are a total of 8 months, with the last one due at the October 6 General Meeting.

We are almost done for the year! Have you kept up with your UFO list!

Please remember to let me know during Show and Tell if it is a UFO Challenge.

Remember, the goal of the UFO Challenge is to help you get stuff finished, so do what will work for you.

Sue McBride (suzyqu77@aol.com)

Please reach out to me with any questions.



Community Service News

Ladybugs,

Welcome to August, the eighth month of 2026, and four months from our annual donations of our comfort quilts. How appropriate is it that December 1st is "Giving Tuesday." Where has the time gone? I know I will be spending time putting together pillowcase kits and bindings for comfort quilts. Why you ask.. because September 29 is our Fall Community Service Day at the Roberts School. Mark your calendar and come sew, talk, eat chocolate with me. More information to follow. Wishing you blue skies and sunny days.

Carolyn Shea

Barbara Means (pillowcases)

Jill Kirkland

"I pledge to make one comfort quilt for the 2026 Allatoona Quilters Guild donation to the Acworth Police Dept. If I need support in making my quilt, I will look to my fellow quilters for their help."

Vice President's Challenge 2026



This year's theme is "Celebrate Everything!". It's an optional annual challenge, where you combine your creativity with the theme, staying within the following parameters.

The dimensions of your quilted piece must be 12" x 48", and it can be either vertical or horizontal.

It's the perfect size for a door decoration or a table runner!

It can be combined blocks or all one piece.

You pick what you would like to celebrate: holidays, seasons, occasions, people, values, places, etc.

The reveal will be at the General Meeting on November 3, where the quilts will be anonymously displayed. Everyone will see them all and vote on their favorites.

Yes, there will be prizes!

Please include an index card to be clipped to the front that explains your work.

**Any questions please contact Sue McBride,
678-386-6173, suzyqu77@aol.com**

RED TOP 2027 Is Coming!!

Your **Red Top** Co-Chairs (Dawn Daniel and Kim Ayers) are thrilled to announce that planning for Red Top 2027 has officially begun!

Red Top is our annual sewing retreat bringing our community together for unforgettable moments, connection, and fun. As of July 25, 2026, there are only **226 days left** until the festivities kick off, and the anticipation is building. We invite everyone to join in the excitement for Red Top 2027 and together, let's make Red Top 2027 the best yet!

Dates: Monday, March 8, (set-up only) to Friday, March 12, 2027

Cost: \$200.00

Deposits or full payment by cash, check or Zelle (AQGbanking@yahoo.com) will begin at the September 7, meeting

Final payment January 2027 meeting

Membership must be current

Number of attendees: 50

Theme: Announced at September meeting

We will soon be reaching out via email to everyone who volunteered for the various committees asking each committee to select a leader. This year our meetings will be by Zoom rather than after the general meeting. Time and dates will be announced accordingly. As plans progress, we'll continue to share updates to keep everyone informed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Roxanne Santini 8/3
Barbara Levan 8/5
Vicki Evaristo 8/6
Kate McKenney 8/12
Marywallis Soetebier 8/19
Ronda Hampton 8/19
Tippi Healea 8/20

Happy Birthday to all of you,

Debbie Court

**Don't forget to get your Fat Quarter
at the next in-person meeting!**



TIPS AND MORE

Machine maintenance!

Do you keep your machine in good working order? You should! Here are some tips:



home maintenance checklist



SEWING MACHINE REPAIR CO.

when to perform at-home maintenance

-  For frequent sewists, clean at least 1x monthly
-  After sewing with fleece, flannel, batting, or glitter
-  When you notice lint under the plate or around feed dogs

under your needle plate

- ☐ Remove: presser foot, needle, needle plate, bobbin, bobbin case
- ☐ Inspect the hook and bobbin holder for burrs or sharp spots
- ☐ Clean out loose threads & lint from the hook area using tweezers or other recommended tool



Remove parts to access your bobbin area for cleaning.



Example of punctured bobbin holder. Bring to your service shop for help.

- ☐ Place 1 drop of oil in the noted areas, depending on your bobbin type.

Drop-in bobbin

Center of the hook area



Ridge of bobbin case bottom



Vertical bobbin

The metal ridge on back of hook



- ☐ Reassemble carefully (don't over-tighten screws!)
- ☐ Insert a fresh needle before sewing

IMPORTANT WARNINGS

NEVER use canned air. It blows lint deeper and adds risky moisture.

NEVER oil anything unless instructed by your manual.

NEVER disassemble covers unless trained to do so.

Machine Maintenance!

feed dogs

- ☐ Clean compacted lint from the feed dog grooves
- ☐ Use tweezers, picks, or pipe cleaners to reach stuck lint



Example of compacted feed dogs.

tension assembly

- ☐ Check that the spring "springs"
- ☐ Gently remove any threads, lint or build-up in or around the spring
- ☐ *With presser foot up*, floss the tension discs using either:
a dollar bill, unwaxed dental floss, pearl cotton or sturdy thread
- !** *DO NOT oil or disassemble anything in this area*



Check spring on external tension system



Check spring on internal tension system



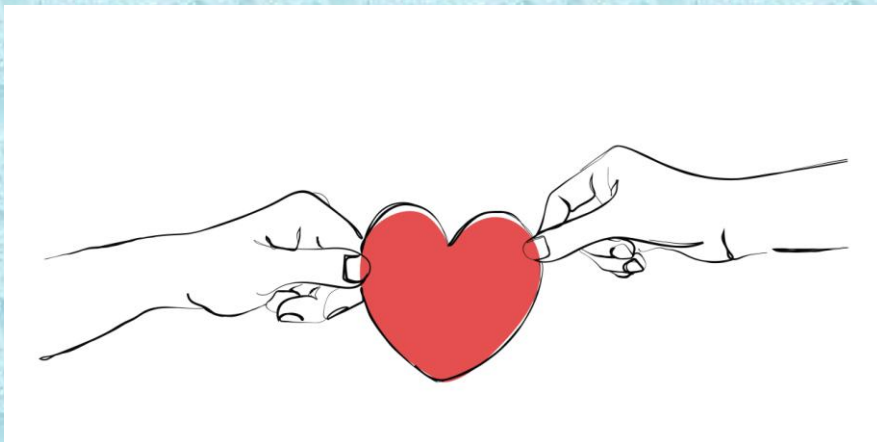
Clean discs using approved material

needle bar area

- ☐ Open /remove the needle bar cover (may need to reference your user manual)
- ☐ Use pipe cleaner or other approved tool to clean out visible dust and thread
- ☐ Check joints and take-up lever for lint or caught thread
- ☐ If threads are stuck, soak them in sewing machine oil and gently remove
- !** *DO NOT disassemble anything or remove screws to remove threads. In extreme cases, you may need a professional to safely remove difficult stuck threads in order to avoid damage.*



Clean lint & thread from needle bar area



Food Bank Donation Update!

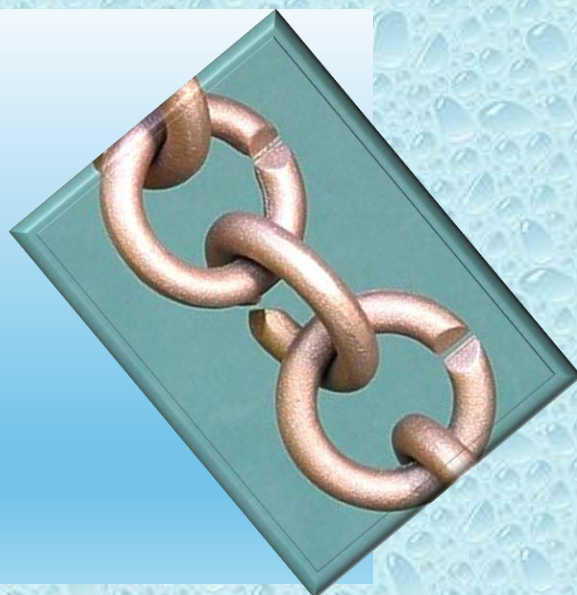
Over \$497 donated in the first seven months of the year!

- **Important AQG Links**

- **<http://www.aqguild.org/>**

- **AQG Facebook Page Link**

- **Pay by Zelle :
AQGbanking@yahoo.com**



AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

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Please contact them personally with any questions and pricing information.