



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*All Meetings start at 10:00*

- ❖ January 6 - General Meeting - Roberts School
- ❖ January 14 - Sit and Sew - Roberts School
- ❖ January 20 - Board Meeting - ZOOM
- ❖ January 27 - Block of the Month - Roberts School

# Allatoona Quilters' Guild

**January 2026**



## PRESIDENT'S NEWS! SHELLY JONES

**2026!** I cannot believe how fast 2025 flew by. I really enjoyed getting to know the guild traditions and see new ones created like the Red Top Ice Cream Social. I also loved meeting so many of you! I am looking forward to taking a couple of classes this year. How about you? Perhaps we can all learn some new skills and techniques. I look forward to what Daryl and Sue have in store for our programs in 2026.

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and end of year. Welcome 2026! Thank you to all the chairpersons and board members of 2026 for volunteering and helping our guild to grow.

**Shelly**

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## From Your Program Committee!



### The Great Reveal of 2025

Our *January* program will be a giant show and tell, so bring all your finished (or mostly finished?) guild projects to the **Great Reveal of 2025**. We hope to display all of each category together to showcase how widely varied our projects can be, so please bring your projects from every category, even if you have already shown them.

The categories are:

1. Red Top Drunkards Path quilts and other Red Top creations
2. Sylvia Schaeffer paper piecing class projects (Radial Geese, Hummingbirds, others?)
3. Tina's Feathered Star Block of the Month quilts
4. Getting to Know you swap items
5. And, of course, your regular show and tells to share!
6. Any assembled Block Lotto quilts from any other year, especially 2024's Blue and White sets.

Thanks,  
Your Program Committee

### Let's check the calendar!

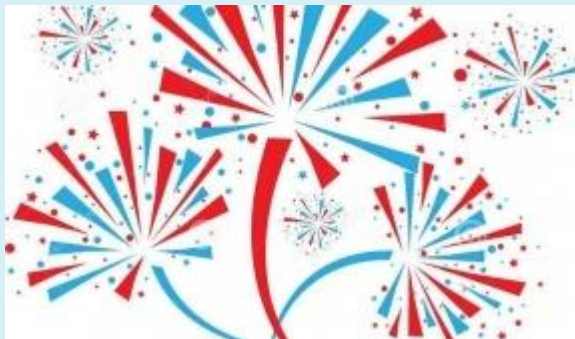
- First Tuesday: General meeting at Robert's School (unless otherwise arranged)
- Second Tuesday: Sit & Sew at Robert's School
- Third Tuesday: Zoom Board meeting (all are invited, board and committee chairs can vote)
- Fourth Tuesday: Block of the Month at Robert's School
- Fifth Tuesday: Community Service Sew-In at Robert's School

# REDTOP RETREAT – “Celebrating America”

**Countdown:** 80 days remaining as of December 19, 2025. Are you getting **EXCITED?** **Here are the facts!**

## FINAL SIGN-UP

- January 6, 2026
- Cost: \$200
- Membership must be current
- Retreat information forms will be available at the January meeting
- Nine members (you know who you are) owe \$100 balance – pay at January 2026 meeting or by Zelle [AQGbanking@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGbanking@yahoo.com) and for accounting accuracy please indicate your name
- Supply list will be sent after January meeting



## PARKING

- Passes available at: Local Library <http://gastateparks.org/library-loan>
  - Call local library for availability
- Online
  - [ParkPass - Georgia State Parks | Department Of Natural Resources Division](#)
- Purchase at Visitors Center on Lodge Road
  - If purchased 3/2026 pass will be good through 3/2027

## Fees

- Increased; (**information online is not accurate**)
  - Daily pass \$10, Annual pass \$70
  - Discounts available for military and seniors 62 and

**I can't wait until March!**

Dawn Daniels

# REDTOP RETREAT (Continued)

## Red Top Quilt

This year you have a choice of two different quilts!

**Majestic Mountains** requires you to purchase a \$12 pattern and can be made into a 36"x48" wall hanging or a 72"x96" throw. Beth will take orders at the January meeting.



**Fourth of July** is a free pattern from Quiltville.com. The completed quilt is 72"x60".



If you have any questions, you can email me at [moveinalong@comcast.net](mailto:moveinalong@comcast.net)

Thanks,

Beth

## RED TOP GAMES

You will need:

1 yard of fabric to swap

6 Fat Quarters – 2 Red on Red, 2 Blue on Blue, 2 White on White



## Community Service

Ladybugs,

Eighteen years ago, in 2007, the Guild made their first donation to the police department over 1,200 quilts have been donated. This year we donated 184 comfort quilts, 1,241 pillowcases to Ryan's Cases for Smiles. Along with our kitty beds, police bears and K9 doggies, we have been a very busy guild.



For 2026, I am asking you to make a Comfort Quilt Pledge. This is a pledge you make to yourself...there are no rules, no deadlines, just a promise: "I pledge to make one comfort quilt for the 2026 Allatoona Quilters Guild donation to the Acworth Police Depart. If I need support in making my quilt, I will look to my fellow quilters for their help."

Thank you to all members for your kindness and generosity to the Acworth Community. It is greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed working with you. Happy New Year!

Carolyn Shea, Community Service Chair

And from Major Taylor, Acworth Polic Department:

*"The Ladybugs truly did an outstanding job once again. It was an honor to accept the quilts on behalf of our department, just as we have for many years now. That continued support and commitment means more to us than I can put into words. Please extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved. Knowing that quilts are already in the works for 2026, speaks volumes about the heart behind your group and is deeply appreciated."*

Happy Quilting,  
Carolyn Shea



## Our Ladies with January Birthdays are:

Cathy Elliott 1/4  
Dianne Cannestra 1/14  
Daniele Morgan 1/20  
Karen Fitzgerald 1/20  
Jeanne Hayden 1/23  
Celeste Sheldt 1/25  
Debbie Loizzo 1/29  
Jane Conaway 1/29  
Patricia Freeman 1/30



Happy Birthday to all,

Debbie Court

## Stay tuned for these upcoming Program Activities:

**UFO Challenge** - Incentive program to finish your works in progress or to challenge yourself to start a new quilt or start something new. Create your list of 8 for the February meeting.

**VP Challenge** – Annual challenge under guidelines from our VP, Sue McBride. Starts in April.

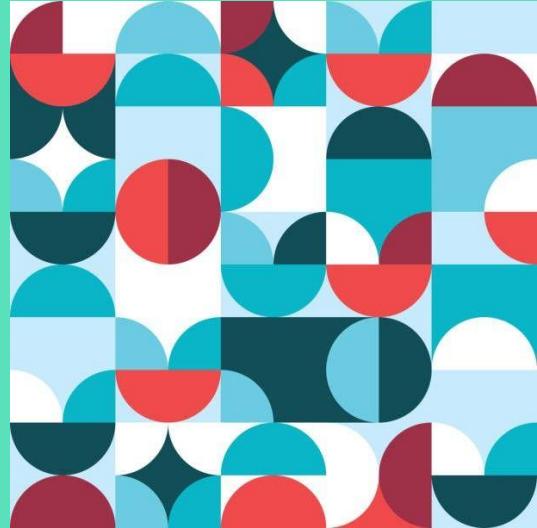
**Block Lotto** - Purchase 2 designated fat quarters to create 12.5" (uf) blocks. You will turn those in to become the lotto prize for participating members. Coordinates allowed, but keep to the theme colors so the blocks all work together. We are waiting until spring for the fabrics.

# MEMBERSHIP

## 2025 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following members who had perfect attendance in 2025:

- Barbara Means
- Becky Lynn
- Daryl Miller
- Jan Wood
- Jill Kirkland
- Malinda Thomas
- Robin Ranallo
- Shelly Jones



## Join The Sewing Room Declutter Challenge 2026

Before we start the UFO challenge, it's been suggested that Karen Brown of "Just Get It Done Quilts" from Toronto, does a great *free* online January program to help us clean up and organize our sewing spaces. She has a sign-up for emails and breaks down an area or item for focus every day. You'll be amazed at the end of the month!

Sign up for her daily January emails here

<https://www.justgetitdonequilts.com/>

## AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

**Cindy Christenson 770-598-5751**

email: [mycountryquilting@gmail.com](mailto:mycountryquilting@gmail.com)

**Jan Cox 678-982-4326**

email: [janicecox01@gmail.com](mailto:janicecox01@gmail.com)

**Jill Kirkland 404-936-7140**

email: [jillklump@comcast.net](mailto:jillklump@comcast.net)

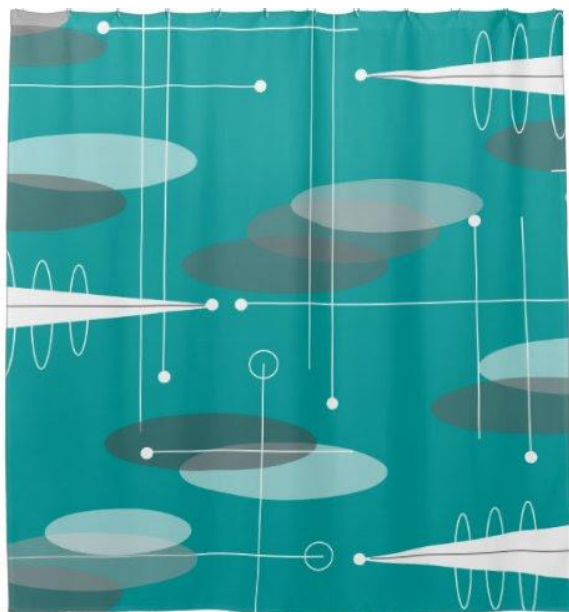
Please contact them personally with any questions and pricing information.

## Important Guild Links

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

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

Pay by Zelle  
[AQGbanking@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGbanking@yahoo.com)





## Welcome 2026 to AQG!

Your program committee has plans for you! At our January meeting we'll be introducing your new officers and explaining the meeting calendar. But here's a sneak peek!

President: Shelly Jones

Vice Pres: Sue McBride

Secretary: Robin Ranallo

Treasurer: Kate McKenney

Then there are the committees whose members support all the creative, interesting and fun things we do. They all help us connect and when you want to help out, you'll know the right person to call. Print out your AQG Membership List for emails and phone numbers.

**Archivist** (Celeste Sheldt) Maintains scrapbooks of guild's history.

**Birthday Club** (Debbie Court) Announces Birthdays, provides FQ gifts and mails cards.

**Block of the Month** (Tina Cline) BOM 2026 will use Shelly Cavanna's book, *Flower Farm Sampler*.

**Bylaws** (Jan Wood) Monitors for updates.

**Communications** (Dawn Daniel) Forwards emails, announcements and newsletters through a group email distribution list.

**Community Service** (Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Barb Levan, and Jill Kirkland) Coordinates community service projects to their distribution points: quilts to Acworth Police Department, pillowcases to Ryan's Case for Smiles and kitty beds to various vets and shelters.

**Hostess** (Malinda Thomas) Coordinates setting up our room, and will have sign ups for helpers.

**Membership** (Sue Zabel) Welcomes guests, maintains applications and attendance records.

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**Newsletter** (Cindy Christenson and Sarah Craighead) Creates monthly newsletter with submission deadlines typically the Friday following the Board meeting on the Third Tuesday.

**Opportunity Drawing** (Nancy Klump and Jill Kirkland) Shops and runs monthly program.

**Photographer** (Doreen Clink) Takes photos for the Website.

**Programs** (VP Sue McBride and Daryl Miller) Arranges speakers, classes and meeting themes as well as a monthly UFO Challenge, the Block Lotto program, and an annual VP Challenge.

**Red Top 2026 Retreat** (Dawn Daniel) Organizes annual retreat at Red Top Mountain State Park, this year scheduled for March 9-13.

**Sunshine** (Becky Lynn) offers support for members.

**Webmaster** (Kim Ayers) Manages website <https://aqguild.org/>

**ZOOM keepers** (Deborah Roberts, Cindy Christenson) Schedules and starts zoom sessions for guild meetings.