



Allatoona Quilters' Guild



March 2026

Let's check the calendar! All meetings start at 10am.

- 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

PRESIDENT'S NEWS!

SHELLY JONES

It is finally time for the guild's RedTop retreat! I know you will all have a fabulous time full of fun and friendship. If you are not going to the RedTop retreat Sue Zabell is handling "Sit and Sew" on Tuesday at Roberts School at 10am. I will not be at either event. I will be traveling with my husband celebrating our wedding anniversary!

We have a guest speaker, **Elaine Poplin**, for the March meeting that you will not want to miss "Something from Nothing". There will be a class at 1pm for those that have pre-registered. I am looking forward to taking my first class with the guild.

Shelly

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

From Your Program Committee!

March Program: Something from Nothing

Elaine Poplin (The Messy Goat Quilter) will join us for her program “Something from Nothing.”

She is a retired math teacher and modern quilter who joins us from Huntsville in coordination with the Chattahoochee Evening Stars. She loves traditional quilting, art quilting, modern quilting, and improv quilting, as well as batiks, modern fabrics, and Cherrywood hand-dyes. She tries to find some time every single day to putter around in her sewing room.

Description of program: After a house fire in 2012, Elaine’s entire approach to quilting shifted. She will share how she views her fabric stash now, how she finds delight in using leftovers from other projects, how she overcame the familiar fear of cutting into treasured fabrics, and how she stores her fabrics to maximize visibility and easy access so that nothing in her stash gets “stale.” Her lecture and slide show will conclude with a Trunk Show that shows some of her quilts made out of small pieces and leftovers – that don’t look like they’re made up of fabric from the discard pile.

Learn more at her website <http://messygoat.com/>

Elaine will be teaching her improv lettering class “OUTSPOKEN” after the meeting.

Thanks,
Your Program Committee



REDTOP RETREAT – “Celebrating America”

Hi everyone! Just a quick update — our retreat is right around the corner, about two weeks away. Sewing, laughing, eating, games, scrap mountain, having fun! Moments to recharge, connect, grow, and encourage each other! Can't wait to see you all there and share this special time together!



Red Top Games

We will be playing three games, all are optional. You will need:

- 1 yard of fabric to swap, place fabric is a brown paper bag
- 9 Fat Quarters – 3 red on red, 3 white on white and 3 blue on blue
- Favorite pattern – pick your favorite pattern from a book, photocopy it, put your name on it and give to Tippi Healea or Deb Seely at the March meeting or at Red Top.

Dawn Daniel

Scrap Mountain at Red Top Mountain Retreat

Scrap Mountain is making another appearance at Red Top. We are accepting quilt-store quality cotton scraps and yardage. Minimum size is 3 inches by 3 inches. Please, no pins.

Bring your scraps to retreat with you. If you are not attending the retreat, you may bring them to the March meeting. Leave your bags of scraps with Barbara Means or Leigh Ann Kloefkorn.

Thank you!

Barb and Leigh Ann

Our Ladies with January Birthdays are:

Dianne Chestnut 3/10
Jan Cox 3/10
Lois LaBove 3/16
Liz Thompson 3/22
Susan Richardson 3/25
Paula Grigsby 3/27
Dianne Olsen 3/31
Huguette Boyer 3/31



Happy Birthday to all,

Debbie Court

Stay tuned for these 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 and send to Sue McBride. The first completed project is due at the March 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" (unfinished) 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.

AQG Bylaws Amendments

The board has discussed making 2 changes in the bylaws. We will talk about it at the March General meeting, and vote in either March or April.

The first one is **Article VI Duties of the Officers, Section 2**

It currently reads:

The Vice President shall serve as Chair of the Program Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

The change:

The Vice President shall be a permanent member of the Programs Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

The reason: To lessen the load on the Vice President and clarify that setting up programs is a job to be shared by multiple people.

The second change is **Article VIII Duties of the Board**

It currently reads:

The job descriptions of the Officers and all standing Committee Chairmen are attached to the Bylaws as an Appendix.

The change: *The job descriptions of the Officers and all standing Committee Chairmen can be found in the Duties and Responsibilities document.*

The reason: To make it easier to change the duties of the committees as the guild grows and changes.

Please contact Sue McBride, Shelly Jones, or Daryl Miller with questions.

AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

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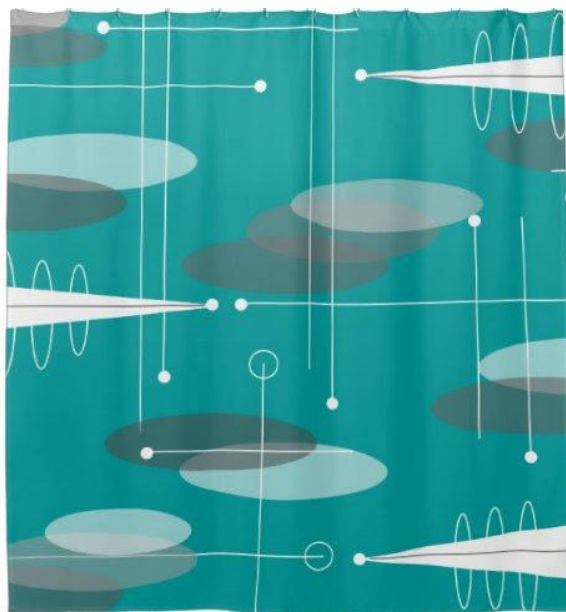
Please contact them personally with any questions and pricing information.

Important Guild Links

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

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

Pay by Zelle
AQGbanking@yahoo.com



FOR SALE

I bought this Handi-Quilter Sweet 16 (sit down) quilting machine in 2012 at Tiny Stitches. She has indeed been a sweet machine, giving me very little trouble. I had to purchase a new foot pedal about a year ago and that's the only problem I've ever had with anything.

The table is custom with the machine and comes in three parts, so the table can be made shorter if need be. At full length, the table measures 30" wide x 72" long.

I have every scrap of paperwork associated with this machine since I brought it home in 2012. The User Manual is well written and illustrated.

Of course, there is a separate bobbin winder. I keep both machines covered when not in use to protect them.

If you should ever have a problem, Tiny Stitches has a list of people who will come to your home to help. I had a problem about a year ago and called a local guy who said it sounded like I needed a new foot pedal. When the new foot pedal arrived from HQ in Salt Lake City, I plugged it in and was in business again with the machine humming along. I didn't even have to pay him to come out for a service call!

The HQ comes with 26 bobbins, several extra needles & a new (unopened) pkg of Grip-It quilting gloves. I'll toss in a bag of thread cones, mostly Maxi-Lock.

My son can deliver locally in the area and set it up for you. As for mileage, I believe he charges \$1.50 per mile from my home to yours.

Rose Archer

