



Allatoona Quilters' Guild

May 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 Sc
- Fifth Tuesday: Community Service Sew-In at Robert's School



PRESIDENT'S NEWS!

SHELLY JONES

Quilting is good for your health and brain! Math, creativity, social time with friends.

I cannot believe it is May already! Being President this year has been so enjoyable. It is mostly because of our wonderful Board and Chairpersons. They make the *work* easy and fun. We have a great group of ladies in our guild, and even the Board meetings are fun. How will you serve the guild next year? It is not too early to be considering it. Review the roles and duties on our website aqqguild.org. Thank you to Dawn Daniel and Kim Ayers for stepping up to serve as co-chairs for Red Top 2027!

I enjoy our quilty Tuesdays. Always something going on: general meeting, sit & sew, Board meeting, BOM and community service. And I am thankful for an outlet to my creativity in giving comfort quilts from scraps. How is it I still have scraps? They do not run dry. It is fun to find new ways to put them together in playful, colorful designs and know that someone will appreciate the comfort they give.

Remember to review the newsletter and the meeting minutes to keep current on the guild happenings as we are streamlining the general meetings for more social time and speaker time.

Stay healthy. Enjoy the beautiful weather. See you at our May General Meeting.

Shelly



Upcoming Programs From Your Program Committee!

May Program: Brian White

May 5 we welcome Quilter Brian White as our featured speaker. Brian is a performer as both singer and dancer in musical theater productions. He has performed on stages from the Alliance Theater in Atlanta to an extended international engagement with Disney productions and he is still involved in the local theater scene.

He will bring his quilt creations and explain how a shift in the local economy led him he to find quilting, or did quilting find him?

Daryl



Vice President's News

(And there's a lot of it!)

Vice President's Challenge 2026

This year's theme is "Celebrate Everything!". It's an optional challenge, where you combine your creativity with the theme, staying within these 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, table runner, or bed 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 4, 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.

Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platter is May 16 and 17, starting at 3:00 each day. A link will be sent out to everyone closer to the date. Each day there will be 6 - 8 short presentations of a wide variety of techniques. We have enjoyed this in the past, and I hope you will make time to watch it. The whole thing will be available for a couple days if you can't watch it live.



BLOCK BONANZA 2026

(Formerly known as Block Exchange, Block Lotto, Block Drawing, and Prince)



This is an optional fun event that we do every year.

There will be fat quarters available to purchase from a chosen fabric line. If you would like to take part, you must buy at least one fat quarter, they are \$4.00 each. Use that fabric, and others that you may have or purchase, to make 12 ½” block.

Use a safety pin to attach your name to the block and turn it in to Sue McBride by the October General meeting. You may make up to 5 blocks, and your name will go into the drawing one time for each block you turn in.

After the October general meeting, the program committee will take all the blocks that have been turned in, and sort them into groups of 12. At the November meeting we will display these groups, and then draw names (from those who contributed) to see who wins the sets of blocks. Disclaimer: You can only win one set, and you may not win any. Please make blocks that will play well with others! Remember that the block you turn in needs to match up with 11 other blocks. You may add different shades or patterns of the colors in the fat quarters. Do not add in a large amount of another color outside of the palette of this group, as it would stand out in the finished quilt. A good background fabric would be a creamy white, such as Kona snow, but it does not have to be a solid for the background.

The fabric line is Rosie by Fig Tree & Co. for Moda, and it was just purchased at Tiny Stitches quilt shop. If you want to see the whole line, you can go to Tiny Stitches, or online to FatQuarterShop.com and search for “Rosie”.

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

June 2 General Meeting

Our Red Top Ice Cream Social with Camden Bag Studio Day will be on the June 2 General Meeting. We reserved Shelter 2, Red Top Mountain, the same place as our annual retreat.

We will have a class on constructing the Camden Bag pattern by Aunties Two at no charge, just bring your supplies. We will show samples of the bag at the May general meeting, and have specific info on what you need.

It would be very helpful to have some of the bag started before the June meeting, and we will have a demo of the technique at the Sit and Sew on Tuesday, May 12.

If you would like us to provide the necessary stiff interfacing and plastic tubing that the bag requires, it is \$8.00, if ordered by May 12. \$10 if ordered later! Please make sure you have signed up if you want it! You can pay Daryl or Sue McBride directly at any of the upcoming meetings.

That's all of it!
Thanks,
Sue



AUNTIES TWO PATTERNS CAMDEN BAGS

Large 18" wide x 16" tall x 12" deep **Medium** 13" wide x 12" tall x 9" deep
Small 13" wide x 9" tall x 9" deep



Updated to include a Medium size bag and Rosal's NEW 25 yard rolls of Duet Face II and Camden Bag Bottoms

Samples made from Hoffman CA Fabrics Bob Pappas and Kaffee Fascini Fabrics

website: auntiestwo.com email: info@auntiestwo.com
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Community Service

Ladybugs,

Looks like Spring, or maybe Summer, has come to Georgia! Time to turn on the AC in our sewing rooms and work on our comfort quilts, pillowcases and kitty beds. We had a good turn out for our Spring sew-in; lots of sewing, lots of talking and, of course, lots of snacks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Summer sew-in is on Tuesday, June 30 - more information to follow.

Carolyn Shea
Barbara Means
Jill Kirkland

Year-to-Date

Comfort Quilt - 21
Pillowcases - 518
Kitty Beds - 125

Ryan's Case For Smiles update:

Attached is a photo of a recent pillowcase delivery made to the CHOA Arthur M. Blank and Scottish Rite hospitals.

460 'smiles' were delivered including some Easter ones. A big THANK YOU to guild members who made such a delivery possible. A whopping 518 pillowcases have been turned in to date. Your generosity and continued support is so appreciated. Thanks for 'helping kids feel better to heal better'.

Barbara Means



Our Ladies with May Birthdays are:

Barbara Means 5/1
Sue Zabell 5/5
Deb Seely 5/12
Debbie Davis 5/20
Kim Ayers 5/23
Robin Ranallo 5/25
Patsy Stripling 5/27
Carolyn Shea 5/28



Happy Birthday to all,

Debbie Court

Don't forget to get your fat quarter at the May meeting.

Opportunity to Give!

Hello Ladies!

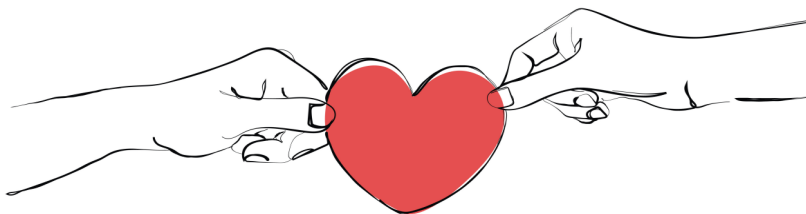
This is a reminder about our raffle quilt. Tickets are \$2 each and **all proceeds go back to the guild**. We will draw the winning ticket at the August General Meeting. Thanks for supporting our amazing guild!

Jill & Nancy



Food Bank Donation Update!

Over \$372 donated in the first three months of the year!



AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

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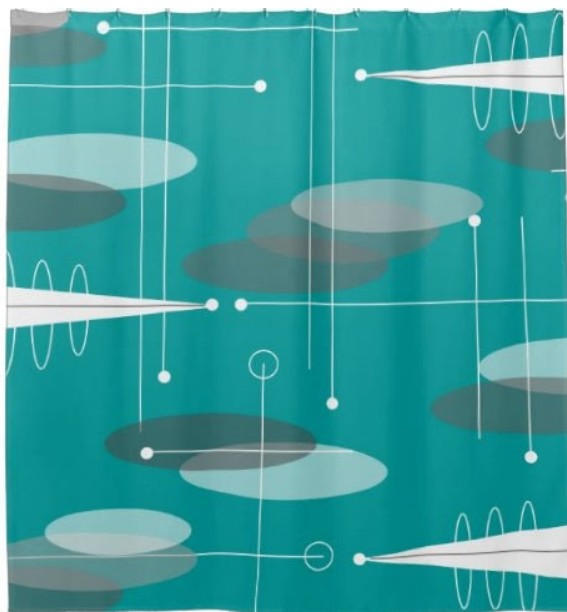
Please contact them personally with any questions and pricing information.

Important Guild Links

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

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

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AQGbanking@yahoo.com





Emily Christie, one of our new members, has a **Juki TL 2010Q Sewing Machine** for sale if anyone is interested. The listing is here: https://www.mercari.com/us/item/m30042914422/?iv_code=GTQVCT&object_id=m30042914422&object_type=item and of course shipping would not be needed. She'd deliver it to whomever buys it, plus 10% off for guild members. It has only been used once, and then kept in its original box. She is selling because she's decided to take her sewing in a different direction and no longer needs an industrial machine.