

Allatoona Quilters Guild



SEPT 2026

ALL 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



- ● **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
- MEETING PLACE: Doyal Hill Park and Acworth Rosenwald School (4410 Cherokee St in Acworth)
- ● **December 1-** Community Service Presentations, Acworth Police

September
President's News!
Shelly Jones



It is the time of year to consider who is willing to serve in one of the many roles it takes to run the guild so smoothly for 2027. At our November meeting we will vote on the new candidates into office for 2027. How appropriate, as National voting will be underway as well!

The **November 3rd** meeting will be at Doyal Hill Park and Acworth Rosenwald School (4410 Cherokee St in Acworth) as National voting will be taking place at Roberts School.

Between now and the October Board Meeting please let me know if you would like to fill one of the vacancies.

I have to tell you, being President and before that Communications chairperson, has been fun and educational. It has been great way to meet you all and learn the workings of the guild. I strongly encourage you, if you have not held a role previously or if you would like to try a different role, to take part and serve on one of the committees or on the Board. This guild is filled with fun and interesting people. The more involved you are the more you will enjoy the guild!

Presidents News Continued:

The vacancies we need to fill for next year are:

Board: VP, Secretary, President

Chairs: Programs, Membership, Newsletter, Communications, Photographer

A **list of duties** is on our website Under Bylaws (scroll past the By-laws to see them). You can also see who currently fills the role and talk with them about responsibilities

Duties: <https://aqguild.org/bylaws%2Fduties>

Contacts: <https://aqguild.org/officers-and-chairpersons>

In other news

Jeff Decherd, former quilt shop owner, donated an Accuquilt Studio 2 cutter and 8 dies to the guild! He was familiar with our guild from the guild's RedTop retreat when he sold discounted fabrics. The Accuquilt will be available for use at our Sit & Sews at Roberts School. Just respond to the Sit & Sew email and let me know whenever you want to use it and we will bring it out during set up.

Thank you and see you at the September meeting on the 1st!
Shelly

September Meeting: Diana Quinn

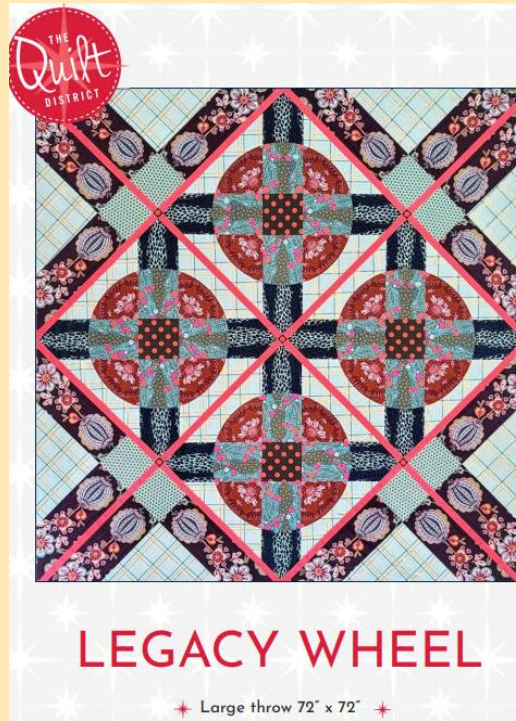
Diana Quinn will be joining us as the President of SEFAA, that's the Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance in Chamblee. It's a community of creatives with interests in stitching, weaving, printing and more. And they'll happily teach you, too! We know Diana as a quilter who will share her wool embroidery, but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

October Meeting: Tara Miller

Tara Miller, quilt artist, lecturer, and historian, shows how to blend traditional patterns with all fabrics and scales to create bold, contemporary quilts. October will bring Tara 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 with 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!)

Tara Miller Class: Oct 13



- *****Sign-ups will** be at September meeting so bring your checkbook or plan to Zelle your payment to reserve your spot!
- *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. Tara will be bringing the pattern, and the price is included in the class fee, so not necessary to order the pattern online. The pattern includes paper templates, and she will have acrylic templates for sale but also for use during the class!*

Thanks for all you do!

Daryl



- Membership dues will be accepted at anytime.
- It is still \$35. Payable by check, cash or Zelle. Make checks payable to AQG. Put cash in an envelope with your name on it. Zelle: AQGBANKING@YAHOO.COM
- You have until the January general meeting to pay without penalty.
- Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sue Zabell





IT'S COMING!!!

QUILT CON 2027

- **Bus trip to Quilt con 2027 at Atlanta convention center.**

We are trying to plan a trip to Quilt con in Atlanta on February 26th.

- We will be leaving from Town Center mall at approximately 8:00 am. and returning to Town Center around 6:30 pm.
- The estimated cost is \$55 for the bus trip. Currently the price of a one-day pass to Quilt con is not available. I would estimate about \$15.
- If you have never been, this is a fantastic opportunity. Not only will you see many, many quilts, not all modern, but there are lots of nationally known vendors and demos for you to see and participate in. there are also classes and lectures available that day and if you're interested, you can go on their website and sign up for one.
- Best of all you have tons of fun with all your Quilting friends on the trip down and back.
- *****We will be taking names and a 50% deposit at our September meeting.** If you are unavailable to attend the meeting, just shoot an email to me to let me know that you are interested in going and Zelle \$25 or send a check to **AQGbanking@yahoo.com**
- Thanks and hope to see you there.
- Beth (**moveinalong@comcast.net**)

VICE PRESIDENT's NEWS

- **Just a couple of reminders:**
- **Block Bonanza:** There is still time to hand in your blocks for the drawing in November! I need to have the blocks to me by the October 6 General Meeting, so that they can be put together in groups before the November meetings. There are still a few fat quarters available (\$4). This is a beautiful fabric line, and the blocks I have received already are quite lovely!
- **Questions, just ask:** suzyqu77@aol.com 678-386-6173.
- **VP Challenge:** I hope you have started thinking or making! The theme is Celebrate Everything! The finished piece must be 12" x 48", and it can be vertical or horizontal. I can't wait to see what you create! These are due at the November 3 meeting, where we will display them. You can turn in earlier to me if you like. Questions, see my contact info above.
- Sue McBride



UFO Challenge 2026

The UFO Challenge **continues!**

The Challenge began in February.

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

Carolyn Shea (78 Y-T-D comfort Quilts)

Barbara Means (pillowcases)

Jill Kirkland (kitty beds)

"I pledge to make one comfort quilt for the 2025 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."

One Month. One Mission. Thousands of Pillowcases. Millions of Smiles.



September is **National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**, and it's time for our biggest campaign of the year: **Miles of Pillowcase Smiles!**

In September, volunteers across North America are coming together with one bold goal: **sew 40,000 pillowcases**—one for every child receiving cancer treatment in the United States. Every stitch, every pillowcase, and every act of kindness helps remind a child and their family that they are surrounded by hope, comfort, and a community that cares.

For more information, contact Barbara Means, Georgia Chapter Coordinator.

(photo: Cindy Kerr , RCFS founder)

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 Sept 1, 2026, there are only **188** 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



Our ladies with September birthdays are :

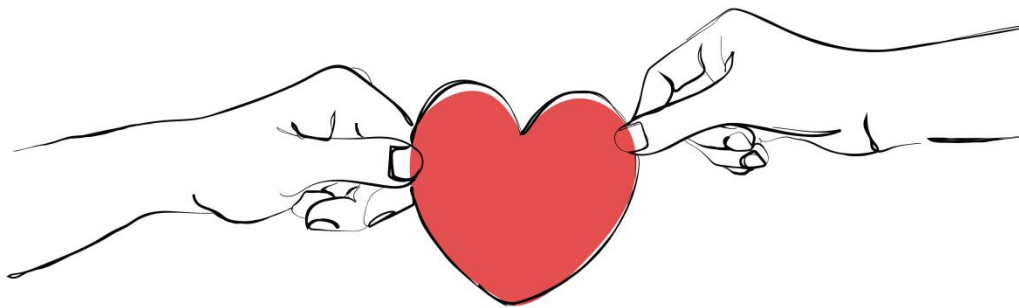
Daryl Miller 9/9

Jill Kirkland 9/29

**Happy Birthday to all of you,
Debbie Court**

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





Food Bank Donation Update Over \$630 donated in 2026!!!

• Important AQG Links

- <http://www.aqguild.org/>
- [AQG Facebook Page Link](#)
- Pay by Zelle :
[**AQGbanking@yahoo.com**](mailto:AQGbanking@yahoo.com)





Congratulations to our president, Shelly,
for winning the denim raffle quilt at the August
General meeting. Thank you all for purchasing
tickets over the last several months. We
collected \$110 for our guild

Nancy and Jill

AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

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information.