

Allatoona Quilters' Guild

April 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

April 4 - General Meeting & Workshop

April 11 – Sit and Sew ZOOM

April 18 – Executive Board ZOOM – all are welcome

April 25 – Special Projects IN PERSON

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April Program: Amy Walsh

Amy Walsh from Shirt Off Your Back Quilts (Alpharetta) will be joining us in April. She will share her journey from an early love of textiles, to a career in the textile industry, to her very own quilting business.

Growing up in Massachusetts, Amy started sewing as a girl, and always had a handful of projects in the works. By high school, her seamstress skills were pretty well developed, and she became interested in traditional quilting. After winning second prize in the annual New England Quilters Guild junior quilters contest at the age of 16, she was hooked.



That led her to pursue and earn a Fine Arts degree in Textile Design from UMass Dartmouth. After college, Amy took a job with West Point Pepperell (NY), first as a handweaver - weaving mock ups of fabric designs - then as a fabric designer. Amy joined Milliken Fabrics (GA), working with furniture manufacturers forecasting color trends, meeting with customers and attending an endless string of trade shows and seminars.

Amy left the corporate world to raise her children, but as they got older and she had more time, she started making T-shirt quilts -- first for friends, then neighbors and maybe soon for you. It's tremendously rewarding work, combining her expertise in fabric design with traditional quilting to create one-of-a-kind pieces. To date, her and her staff have created over 5,000 quilts, teddy bears, pillows and more. 3 years ago they moved into a commercial space and became an INNOVA longarm dealer and now carry a wide variety of high quality quilting fabrics.

President's News!

Cindy Christenson



Spring is in the air! Yippee hooray! The weather has been gorgeous!

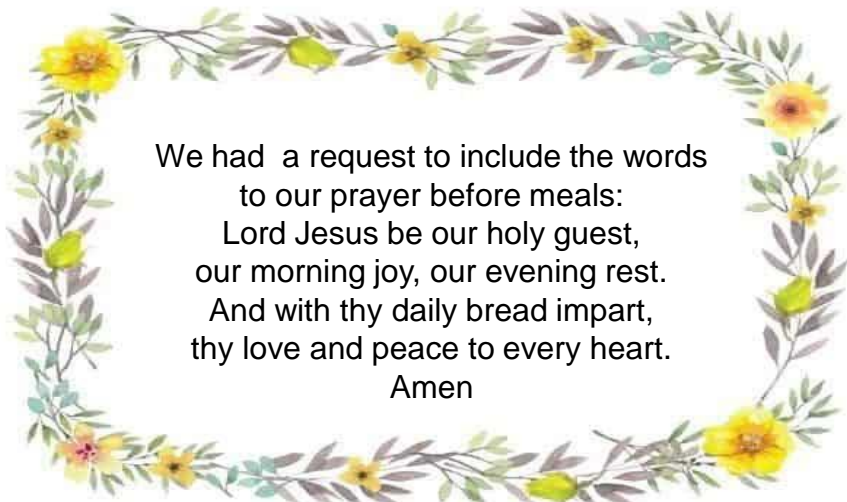
It's hard to believe that we are getting to the most beautiful time of the year in Atlanta! The azaleas are blooming and looking very pretty! I have some azalea bushes that I planted over 20 years ago and they are popping out and are beautiful with lots of pink! I love the pink Azaleas!

Our Program Committee has done a wonderful job and I look forward to the upcoming Programs. Make sure to join us at the meeting in April. We have great speakers for our upcoming meetings for the rest of the year! Don't miss any of them!

There is something for everyone in our guild. Again, I say we have the best guild around! And the BEST people in the guild! You are all a wonderful group and I appreciate everything you do!

Looking forward to all things to come!

Come join us for Sit and Sews both In Person and on Zoom. We have had great turn outs for both!



We had a request to include the words
to our prayer before meals:

Lord Jesus be our holy guest,
our morning joy, our evening rest.

And with thy daily bread impart,
thy love and peace to every heart.

Amen



Vice President's News Sarah Craighead



Is it spring? My garden isn't exactly sure but the calendar says that it must be! Our UFO Number that was picked in March was #3. You can show your project at the April meeting or send me a photograph before the meeting if you aren't going to be there.

We have several members that have started working on our VP Challenge Quilt for 2023: "Your Origin Story" (Where do you come from?). Remember that you have until November to complete your entry and the winning quilt will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate. Let me know if you need the rules for an accepted entry. Any ideas that you'd like to share? I'd love to hear them!

I hope you can attend the All Star Virtual Sampler Platter on May 6 and 7 from 3pm to 6pm each day. Eighteen different teachers will present short sessions on techniques and ideas. Some of these ideas just might be the thing to include in your Challenge Quilt! You will receive the Zoom link to these presentations when we get closer to May. We will be looking for feedback after the session to see how many attended and if it was worthwhile. That will help us to plan for future events.

Happy Quilting!

Attention Long Armers!!

Do you do quilting for other people and are open to new clients??

Someone in the guild may be looking for you!

Please email me if you are interested suzyqu77@aol.com

I will compile a list of all who respond and put it in the next newsletter.

Also please note if you would be able to do a charity quilt for no charge once or twice a year.

Thanks, Sue McBride, Newsletter

Red Top 2023

Sue Baumgartel, Sue McBride



Red Top was just a couple of weeks ago and we're still celebrating all the fun we had during our time in Shelter 2 on Red Top Mountain. We had great weather (till late Friday afternoon) and it was always sunny and full of energy in the Shelter!

Sue and I would like to thank our fantastic team who were so attentive to making sure everything was perfect for our week together. It was so much fun working with each of you!

There were great projects (to be seen over the next few months); fun and unique games; great food, sweet decorations, hand-stitched name tags, and our daily exercise/music fun. Attendees also made nearly 150 mug rugs which will be given to the Acworth Meals-on-Wheels – thank you all for participating in this service project – YAYYYY You! And we can't forget an over-flowing, ever-being-refreshed Scrap Mountain! We think attendees went home with much more than they brought to the retreat – LOL!

A survey was distributed at the end and results will be published after we complete our review. We are hoping we have lots of volunteers for our 2024 event! 2023 Pictures will be posted on the Allatoona Guild website shortly.

WE HAVE MONEY LEFT! In accordance with our RT Policies, we will be giving each attendee \$10 at the General Meeting which can be kept for yourself (and fabric 😊) or donated to the Food Bank. No pressure! If you're unable to attend we'll have it available at other meetings.

NOW FOR MORE GOOD NEWS ... Daryl Miller and Kate McKenny have volunteered to chair Red Top 2024 ... thank you ladies for stepping forward. We will look forward to hearing about your plans.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - RED TOP 2024 ... MARCH 11-15, 2024. Dates for registration will be announced in the future.

With gratitude,
Sue Baumgartel and Sue McBride – 2023 Red Top Co-Chairs

Red Top 2023 Quilt: Double Friendship Star

Daryl Miller

The reveal of your Friendship Star Red Top quilt, is scheduled for September. Can't wait to see all the different ones!

Local Quilt History

Nancy Klump

Jill and I were at Sam's and I waited while she was pumping gas. She was exchanging a few words with the lady in front of her and when she got into the car, informed me that we were following her home. Turns out, she was clearing out her home and had quilt things from her relative that she wanted to give to a quilter...(my front license tag gave that away). It was mostly old magazines and things that were not quilt related, but in the pile we found this article!



Friends Complete Mrs. Cook's Quilt

By Sanda Lager
Neighbor Staff Writer

A favorite saying of the late Mrs. Mattie Lou Cook, a crafts and quilting enthusiast from Alpharetta, was "never start anything you don't plan to finish."

In February, Mrs. Cook was in the process of completing a quilt commissioned by the Allatoona Quilt Shop when she was stricken with a mild heart attack.

Foreseeing the possibility of not being able to finish the project, Mrs. Cook asked her longtime friend, Alice Holcombe, to finish and deliver the quilt to the Allatoona shop.

While convalescing at the home of her daughter Barbara Waters, Mrs. Cook completed piecing the quilt top. But, before she could begin the actual quilting, she had another heart attack and died, in March.

Mrs. Waters said her mother had designed and made a "Log Cabin Variation" quilt, based on a pattern which dates back to the 1800's. The owners of the Allatoona shop commissioned Mrs. Cook to make one for the shop, too, and gave her the materials for the project.

"After my mother became ill she was very concerned that she had someone else's materials and felt under a great deal of pressure to complete the project and deliver it to the quilt shop," said Mrs. Waters.

As previously arranged, Mrs. Holcombe and another friend, Mrs. Pauline Windham, spent one week completing the quilt so it could be returned to the quilt shop.

Annie Vandevender of the Allatoona Quilt Shop said last week that the shop could have sold Mrs. Cook's quilt for \$700, but instead donated it as the major door prize at the Allatoona Quilters Guild Show, held Aug. 11 at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta.

"We thought Mrs. Cook's family would appreciate our donating it rather than hanging it in the shop or selling it," said Mrs. Vandevender.

The "Log Cabin Variation" quilt completed by Mrs. Holcombe and Mrs. Windham measures 102 inches by 108 inches.

Quilters Pauline Windham, above left, and Alice Holcombe, right, display handiwork. Women completed a quilt begun by their late friend, Mattie Lou Cook. Mattie Lou Cook, left, bequeathed a legacy of craftsmanship. (Staff Photo By Nancy Foreman)

2022 'Ruby' block exchange quilts

Barbara Means

If you participated in the 2022 'ruby' (red and white) block exchange and won a set of blocks, the big reveal for your quilt (or quilt top) is set for November 2023. Looking forward to seeing your beautiful red and white quilts.

Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Vicki Evaristo

Ladybugs,

You have been very busy on your quilts, pillowcases and bears during the cold winter months. But, we are moving into Spring which is defined as the season of growth. The daffodils, snowdrops, tulips and dogwoods are popping out everywhere. Don't know about you, but I am getting back into the groove to get into my stash and pull out some brightly, colorful fabrics to make a comfort quilt or a pillowcase. As of this newsletter, you have donated over 50 quilts and 380 pillowcases. And bears....what can I say but thank you. One of our members even made K9 dogs!

Spring cleaning - put those small scraps to good use and make a Kitty Bed which goes home with a kitty when it is adopted.

Mark your calendars...our next Community Service Day is Tuesday, May 30 at Roberts School.

Thank you again for your continuing donations to the Acworth and surrounding communities, I really appreciate it. - Carolyn

Special Projects

Melinda Fulkerson/Lynda Smith

April's project will be a seat cushion – watch your email for details!

Membership

Lee Ann Wharton

We now have 84 members. A former member, Debbie Cantrell, recently rejoined us. Welcome back Debbie!

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!

4/14 Lee Ann Wharton
4/19 Rose Archer
4/28 Lana Patane



Block of the Month: April

Danielle Morgan

Fabric 1: Black

- 4 2-1/2" squares for Corners
- 4 3" square for Corners Half Square Triangles
- 1 5-1/2" square for Flying Geese

Fabric 2: Gray

- 8 3" squares 4 for FG, 4 for HST
- 1 4-1/2" square for Center

Fabric 3: White

- 4 2-1/2" squares for Corners
- 4 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles



Directions:

Draw diagonal lines on eight GRAY 3" squares.

Match four GRAY squares with four BLACK 3" squares.
Sew 1/4" seams on either side of the GRAY drawn lines.
Cut each set on the line and press seams to the dark side.

Trim all four to 2-1/2"

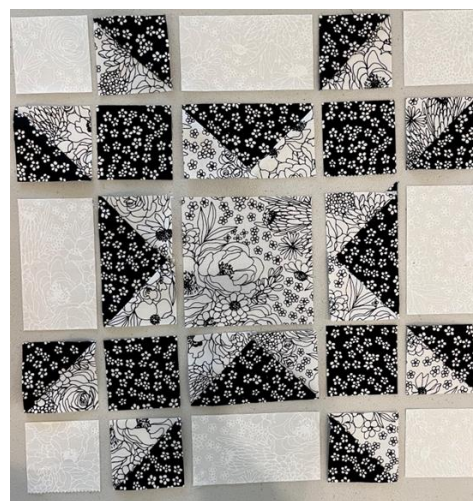
Make 4 four-patch blocks of 2-1/2" squares:

- 1 WHITE 1 HST
- 1 HST 1 BLACK

Make four FG using GRAY 3" squares on
BLACK 5-1/2" square.

Trim all four FG to 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangles.

Layout and assemble block as shown.



Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting

March 7, 2023

Welcome – Cindy Christenson opened Meeting at @ 10:01, 54 Attended

Any first-time visitors today? - Debbie Cantrell
The Cup will be passed around for Food Bank.
We won't pass the Sunshine cup today.

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes

1. Approved - Melinda Fulkerson
2. Second by – Carolyn Shea

Birthdays for this month - Debbie Loizzo (Not present) Cindy presented.
Happy Birthday to all!

March 9 Beth Virden
March 10 Diane Chestnut
March 10 Jan Cox
March 15 Carol Bobar
March 27 Paula Grigsby
March 31 Dianne Olsen
March 31 Huguette Boyer

Vice President: Programs - Sarah Craighead

UFO – for March was #10. #3 was drawn for April.

Sampler Platter – May 6,7 from 3-6 Pm

Will be sending out a survey to see how many watch to see if this is worth participating in the future.

VP Challenge – Your Origin Story with 3 different techniques

Communication to Guild: Thank you note was read from Karmen Sunshine.

Upcoming Programs - Barbara Means/ Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

April – Amy Walsh: T-Shirts and Memory Quilts

May – Members Antique Quilts, information sheet will be forth-coming. Your quilts that are 1970 or older

June- Zoom - Julia McCloud –Lecture & Trunk Show- “Everything but Cotton”

Budget Report - Sue Zabell Current Budget

Checking	\$16,689.36 (\$9,335.78 w/o RT)
Savings	\$ 5,335.54
General Fund	\$ 3,129.53

General Meeting minutes continued

Committee Chair Reports (See Newsletter Articles for other updates)

Community Service - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means

Nothing to report. Asking if everyone will make at least **ONE** Bear.

Membership - Lee Ann Wharton

Number of current Members: 83

New Member – Debbie Cantrell

Red Top Retreat - Sue Baumgartel/Sue McBride

Final details: Menu will be sent out by email with final details.

Meeting today after General Meeting

May bring homemade snacks just make sure they are wrapped individually.

There will be a Call list for any inclement weather.

Don't forget your parking pass. They are needed each day. Can get at the library. If using a kiosk, you must have cash.

Sit and Sew - Kate McKenney

No Zoom Sit and Sew Next week due to Red Top Retreat

Next In-Person at Roberts School is March 28

Special Projects - Melinda Fulkerson

April project will be a seat cushion. You can use an orphan block; they will have a handle so they can be carried.

Sunshine - Becky Lynn - No report

Program

Introduction of Speaker Diana Quinn– by Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

March Program: **Diana Quinn and Wool Embellishment**

Show and Tell

Make sure you've signed up for your Show and Tell Item(s). Fill out the form. Please say your name when you come up.

Today will be UFO, BOM, and any regular Show and Tell items.

Door Prizes - Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland

Webmaster – Kim Ayers

Still has some quilting supplies to be given away. She will bring items to March 28 sit and sew and again at next General Meeting. Let her know if interested.

Workshop with Dianna Quinn after the meeting

Close @12:00 Cindy Christenson

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Agenda

3/21/2023 via Zoom

President - Cindy Christenson -- Welcome – Opened Meeting @9:59am, 26 attending
Received emails from 2 interested persons in attending the guild. They may possibly come to Sit and Sew and have been invited to the General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Zabell

Checking	\$14,692.59
Savings	\$ 5,335.54
General Fund	\$ 3,177.38

Vice President

Sarah Craighead - Nothing New
VP Challenge: Work on your VP Challenge
UFO Project: Due at General Meeting is #3 on your list.
Sampler Platter – A survey will be sent out to see how many attended.
Programs (Barbara Means, Leigh Ann Kloefkorn)
April- Amy Walsh with “Shirt off your Back”
Bring wool projects to April meeting from last Month's Wool Class
May-Member Antique Bed Turning
June-Zoom Meeting with Julia McCloud from California: Everything but the Cotton” Trunk Show
July Zoom : Mary Kay Wald– 1933 World's Fair Sears Contest Lecture

Committee Chair Reports

Community Service - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means
May 30 is the next Community Service Day
380 pillowcases turned in to date
Charms that are given out for 5 pillowcases to be discussed at the Budget Meeting in September.

BOM - Danielle Morgan - See Newsletter

Sunshine - Becky Lynn

Susan Carroll – having back surgery in April
Suzie Callender's husband hospitalized.
Diane Chestnut having back issues.
Nancy Catinella – Cancer (Carolyn Shea's sister in Boston)

Bylaws - Jan Wood - No Report

Hostess - Roxanne Santini - No Report

Membership - Lee Ann Wharton - 84 members, Debbie Cantrell is our newest member.
New members will be contacted by phone for an interview/survey. Will possibly do a New Member spotlight in the Newsletter each month. Make sure to get member's permission.
Nancy K to sit in for Lee Ann for May's Meeting.

Photographer - Monique Byrne - Not Present

Sit-N-Sew - Kate McKenney - Next In Person Sit and Sew is March 28

Fabric will be available at Sit n Sew from Kim Ayers donated fabrics remaining.

Special Projects - Melinda Fulkerson/Lynda Smith

April 25 – We will be making Seat cushions! More details to come!

Daryl's design board will be for the next Special Project in August.

Melinda will bring more of her UFO Projects to hand out so if you didn't get one before, now's the time! Make sure to sign a card so she knows what you have.

Red Top 2023 - Sue Baumgartel/Sue McBride

Report for Red Top 2023 – Great Week

Jan Wood's Mug Rugs – 150 +.

Jill & Nancy – all of scrap mountain is gone.

Daryl- Friendship Star Quilts will be at September Show n Tell.

Danielle – Mushroom Quilt.

Sue McBride – there was money left over. We will be returning \$10 at the next meetings to those attended Red Top.

Red Top 2024- March 11 -15, 2024 Chairs are Daryl Miller & Kate McKenney

Daryl- a Park Ranger inquired regarding “quilt demo” from the guild. Will try to get more information.

Archivist - Celeste Sheldt - Would like picture of Red Top group for 2024

Awards - Vicki Evaristo - No Report

Newsletter- Sue McBride - March 24 Due date for articles

Communication - Nancy Draheim

If you are not receiving emails regarding events/meetings from Nancy D, Please check your Spam folder as some are going there. If you know there is a meeting coming up and have not gotten any information via email by Sunday before, contact Cindy Christenson (mycountryquilting@gmail.com) . Also make sure to add Nancy Draheim's email address (nk4u@bellsouth.net) to your Contact List.

Food Pantry - Treasurer (Sue Zabell) - \$90.04 Mailed today for last month.

Webmaster - Kim Ayers - If you see anything that needs to be updated on our Website, please contact Kim motherboom@aol.com

Door Prizes - Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland - We have money and we have prizes!

Birthday Club - Debbie Loizzo - No Report

Zoom - Kate McKinney - No Report

Other Discussion: None

Close Meeting @11:08 am

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary