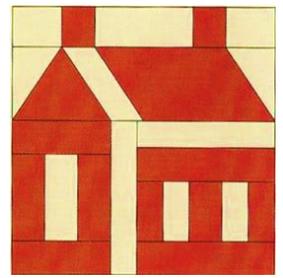




Allatoona Quilters' Guild



October 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

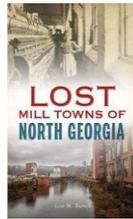
- October 3 – General Meeting IN PERSON
- October 10 – Sit and Sew ZOOM
- October 17 – Executive Board ZOOM – all are welcome
- October 24 – Sit and Sew ZOOM
- October 31 – Community Service ZOOM

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October Program: Lisa Russell



Lisa will join us in October to talk about her book the "Lost Mill Towns of North Georgia". Lisa is a writer, writing instructor, and academic assistant dean. She writes books about forgotten items and locations. She has been a guest on many local and national broadcast shows and podcasts.

She earned her Master of Arts in professional writing from Kennesaw State University. The MAPW awarded Lisa the 2020 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Lisa is the Assistant Dean of English at Georgia Northwestern Technical College. She is a part-time professor of communication at Kennesaw State University. In her "spare time," you can find Lisa exploring North Georgia with her micro-historic lens to discover her next "lost" story. For more information, go to [About – Lisa M. Russell \(lisamrussell.net\)](http://lisamrussell.net)

You may purchase an autographed copy of the book at the meeting for \$20.00 (cash or check; no credit card please).

The textile era was born of a perfect storm. When North Georgia's red clay failed farmers and prices fell during Reconstruction, opportunities arose. Beginning in the 1880s, textile industries moved south. Mill owners enticed an entire workforce to leave their farms and move their families into modern mill villages, encased communities with stores, theaters, baseball teams, bands and schools. To some workers, mill village life was idyllic. They had work, recreation, education, shopping and a home with the modern conveniences of running water and electricity. Most importantly, they got a paycheck. But after the New Deal, workers started to see the raw deal they were getting from mill owners and rebelled. Strikes and economic changes began to erode the era of mill villages, and by the 1960s, mill village life was all but gone. Author Lisa Russell brings these once-vibrant communities back to life.

President's News!

Cindy Christenson



Hello to all AQG! Happy October to all. Remember those popsicles from earlier? Well, they've melted! now that it's almost October, I'm sure hoping for a breath of cooler weather. No, I'm not ready for COLD weather but cooler. The last couple of days have been showing promising signs of cooling down. It was beautiful outside! When I lived in Ohio and Indiana, we used to think that 80 was HOT. Now it is a reprieve to be 80 vs 90. Minor detail of just 10 degrees. I hope that this beautiful weather will continue so we can relax on the back porch with our cup of coffee or tea and just take in the fall weather!

It's almost the end of the year and we will have completed another year and going into 2024. Where has time gone? I'm looking forward to our last couple of months from 2023 and hope they will be a time of wonderful reflections of all we've accomplished this past year. I've managed to keep up with all of my UFO projects so far, but heaven knows I still have plenty more to finish up! I'm not sure about the rest of the guild, but I know that I get bored with only one project so I have to start new ones. I had a friend come one day and she was amazed at how many quilts (unfinished of course in different stages) that I had going. When she asked how many, I counted the ones I could see and the ones in boxes and was kind of amazed myself! I **will** finish them. So that is my goal. Do you still have lots of unfinished pieces of art lying around too? Let's aim to finish them in the year to come!

Looking forward to our October meeting with Lisa regarding the textile mills, I think that sounds very intriguing.

I do appreciate all the help from my current slate of officers and the program committee this year in all they've brought to the Guild. If you also appreciate their time and efforts, please let them know as they have worked very hard this year and have done a wonderful job.

As we approach 2024, and the change in officers and committees, let us work together harder than ever before to keep this guild the best around.

Go out, sit on a nice bench or chair and reflect how we can go forward into 2024 and make it another good year for the entire guild. Do **your** part to keep it the BEST ever.

Thank you to all!



Vice President's News

Sarah Craighead

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OK, Quilters! We are in the final stretch for our UFOs and Challenge Quilts! Just 2 more months and you can relax for the holidays.....or maybe not!

We have picked nine different UFO numbers with the September number being #5. If you're keeping track, you'll know what October's number is because it is the last one! We will show #5 in October and the last number in November. Awards will be given at the December meeting.

We are in the countdown for your VP Challenge Quilt for 2023: "Your Origin Story", with 1 month to go! Since our judging will be by popular vote, we would like for the quiltmakers to be anonymous so we will be voting by the number of the quilt. If you are submitting a quilt please write a very brief description of why your quilt depicts your origin story. Once the quilts are voted on, the winner will receive their \$50 gift certificate! I can't wait to see all of your beautiful creations.

Did you enjoy the fall Sampler Platter? Hope it was fun and you learned a few new tips and tricks!

Happy Quilting!



FEATHERWEIGHT 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On October 3, 1933, Singer commissioned the first batch of 10,000 Model 221 sewing machines, marketing them as the Singer Featherweight. For more history about the Featherweight sewing machine, visit [The Featherweight Shop](#).

We will have a birthday celebration after the general meeting. If you own a Featherweight sewing machine and would like to sit n' sew, bring it to the meeting. If you don't own a Featherweight, that is okay come and join the fun. If you plan to stay all day, bring a snack, a drink and your lunch.



HOLIDAY / WINTER POSTCARD EXCHANGE

Would you like to participate in a 'HOLIDAY / WINTER POSTCARD EXCHANGE'? Make a holiday or winter themed postcard to exchange with a member. Your name will be put in a drawing and a name will be drawn for you to send a postcard to. If you would like to participate, please notify Barbara Means or Leigh Ann Kloefkorn. Deadline for signup is December 1.



Happy October Birthday!

10/ 01 Carole Liezeit
10/ 02 Glenna Martin
10/ 02 Monique Byrne
10/ 06 Lynne Smith
10/ 07 Sue Baumgartel
10/ 08 Nancy Klump
10/ 10 Freda Kirtley
10/ 10 Tina Cline
10/ 14 Barbara Richardson
10/ 15 Michelle Bunker
10/ 31 Carolyn McQueen



Membership Lee Ann Wharton

We have 87 members.

It's time to think about paying membership dues for 2024! At \$35, it's a great deal! You can pay at the General Meeting with check or cash, or Zelle your payment. That info is on the first page of the newsletter.

2022 'Ruby' block exchange 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, Jill Kirkland

Have you been enjoying the cool mornings these past few days? Our last 2023 Community Service day is Tuesday, October 31. Unfortunately, due to early voting, we will not be able to meet in person; it will be a ZOOM meeting. More details to follow.

Soon Fall will arrive with beautiful colors which means that our annual donation of Comfort Quilts will be upon us. That being said, the last day to donate your comfort quilts will be Tuesday, November 28 which is also "Giving Tuesday." I will not be accepting quilts at the December General Meeting. A few reminders for the comfort quilts: (1) We cannot take any quilts that are double, queen or king size. They are too big for kids and nursing home beds. Check out the various 3-yard quilt patterns on-line; they are the perfect size. (2) Make them colorful - no old, used quilts. (3) Please remember to put a label on your quilt and pin your name to your quilt. Also, a reminder that when you donate a pillowcase, please make sure it is washed and put into a new quart-size baggie.

Thank you for supporting Community Service, it is really appreciated.

Red Top 2024: Reflections

Daryl Miller & Kate McKenney

Hello Quilty Friends! Our Red Top Reveal went very well last month and as we look at Red Top Reflections we already have 45 members signed up to attend Red Top 2024! As we reflect, do you realize The Red Top Retreat was first mentioned in our archives in 1997? There was some gaps in the early years, and a Covid break, which means we have been going to Red Top Mountain State Park about 25 years. We think next year may be the 27th!

When Arlena Hickman was President in 2002, the quilt theme was Tessellating Stars. Tina Cline taught Glory Bound in 2008 and Carolyn Shea brought us Diamond Head, when we went Crusin' to Hawaii in 2016. What fun to see all the colors used in a Blooming Nine Patch with Barb Levan, not once, but twice, in 2005 and 2018!

This year we are looking through a kaleidoscope at the reflections of patterns and colors. As always, making the quilt is optional! If you would like to join us March 12-15, 2024, please sign up soon (\$175 full payment or \$87.50 half, with remainder due by Jan 2), with Kate McKenney at the October meeting. We will register 50 quilters and can start a waiting list if necessary. Also, if you want to reserve a rental cabin at Red Top, we encourage you to get on line and reserve it as soon as possible.

Happy Quilting!

Daryl (dwmiller@bellsouth.net)

& Kate (mckate3771@gmail.com)

AQG Block of the Month: October

Danielle Morgan

Fabric 1: Black

- 4 2-1/2" squares for Corners
- 4 3" squares for 8 HST
- 1 5-1/2" square for FG

Fabric 2: Gray

- 1 4-1/2" for Center square
- 1 5-1/2" square for FG

Fabric 3: White

- 4 2-1/2" squares for Corners
- 12 3" squares, for 8 FG, 8 HST



Directions:

Draw diagonal lines on four WHITE 3" squares.

Match WHITE squares with four BLACK 3" squares.

Sew 1/4" seams on either side of the WHITE drawn lines.

Cut each set on the line and press seams to the dark side.

Trim all eight to 2-1/2"

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

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| 1 GRAY | 1 WHITE |
| 1 WHITE | 1 HST |

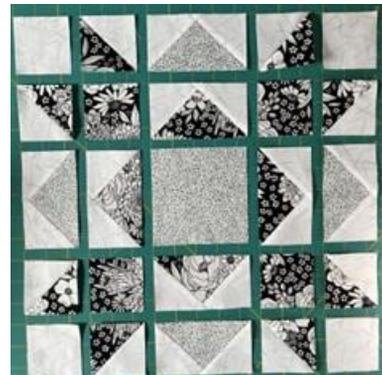
Draw diagonal line on back side of eight WHITE 3" squares.

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

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

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

Lay out and assemble your block as shown.



Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting

September 5, 2023

Welcome and Announcements - Cindy Christenson opened meeting @ 10:01 am
Thank you to those sending a card, email or text after my surgery! I really appreciated it!

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes
1st Glenna Martin 2nd Doreen Clink

Birthdays for this month - Debbie Loizzo

9/ 9 Daryl Miller

9/16 Karen Hausdorf

9/25 Susan Smail

9/29 Jill Kirkland

Program

Introduction of our Speaker - Barbara Means/Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

Judy Jarvi of Windham Fabrics; from Flowery Branch, GA gave our presentation today

Name Tag drawing : Winner is Sarah Craighead

Programs - Sarah Craighead

VP Challenge Quilts due November.

In October UFO #5 is due.

Sampler Platter Sept. 23-24 @3-6pm

OCT.- Lisa Russell – “Lost Mill Towns of Georgia”

Lisa has a book with that name.

Featherweight Celebration sew-in after the meeting. Bring your featherweight and join us.

NOVEMBER

Our General Meeting will be at Summit Baptist Church (Thank you Suzie Callender for arranging this!!!) as we can't have Roberts School that day

The Address is: Summit Baptist Church, 4310 Moon Station Ln NW, Acworth, Ga 30101

“Ruby” Red/White Quilt Reveal- if you won a set of our Red/White Block sets from last Dec it's time to show what you've done with your blocks!

DECEMBER 5, 2023

The meeting is back at Roberts School! Our favorite meeting of the year!
Presentation to Acworth Police Dept.
UFO Awards for those participating in the UFO project for this year.

Holiday Celebration:

Who would be interested in going to Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway after our Dec meeting as a holiday celebration? We will make a list of interested people so we can arrange the size of the room they have available for us. We need to collect \$5 per person to hold your reservation. We will use this \$5 for our server as a tip. Everyone attending must pay for the meal which is around \$11.00 per person plus tax. (Senior price)

We need to reserve the room as soon as possible!

Sign up by Dec 1st for our (optional) Post Card Exchange.

Budget Report - Sue Zabell

Current Budget	
Checking-	\$7,436.83
Savings-	\$5,335.77
Food Bank-	\$ 25.00
Kim's-	\$ 936.00

2024 Officers and Chairpersons Needed
Voting at November General Meeting

NOBODY can do everything, but EVERYONE can do SOMETHING!!
What's your thing?!! How will you do your part for the Guild in 2024??

Meet the Nominating Committee!

Jan Wood
Celeste Sheldt
Barbara Means
Sarah Craighead
Cindy Christenson

Job descriptions: Today we will let our VP and Program Committee describe their jobs for the past year:

Vice President- Sarah Craighead went over what she has done this past year.

Program Committee: Barbara Means/ Leigh Ann Kloefkorn described their jobs and how they've all worked together as a team.

Committee Chair Reports

Community Service - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

Next Community Service Day:

Oct 31 -Location to be determined! We can't have Roberts School that day. It may be a Zoom meeting. Bears – 45 delivered; Quilts – 149; Kitty beds–221, Pillowcases - 658

Membership - Lee Ann Wharton
87 members

Sit and Sew - Zoom (Kate McKenney)

Next Sit and Sew will be Sept. 12 on Zoom

Sept. 26- In Person Special Projects at Roberts School (Melinda F.) will be making a hexie pillow , Bring a Popcorn snack to share, your lunch & drink.

Sunshine - Becky Lynn

Kathy Zimmer – at home recovering

Danielle Morgan – recovering

Red Top Retreat 2024

45 members are signed up (5 slots left)

Revealed the Quilt for Retreat 2024 by Beth Virden (Kaleidoscope quilt)

Any Other business?

Budget Committee – Jan Woods_

We will be setting up a meeting with those that volunteered to assist make next year's budget.

Show and Tell

Door Prizes - Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland

Close @12:58 pm - Cindy Christenson

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Meeting

9/19/2023 via Zoom

President - Cindy Christenson - Welcome @10:00 am

November Meeting Location Reminder

Meeting is at Summit Baptist Church, 4310 Moon Station LN
NW, Acworth, Ga 30101

December Celebration Lunch

We will go out after our Dec 5 General Meeting to Golden Corral. Lunch will cost around \$11 per person. There are a lot of selections to choose from and we will have a room to ourselves. It will start around 1 pm.

If you have not added your name to the list already, please let me know ASAP.

2024 Slate of Officers and committee chairs have been filled and will be announced at Oct 3 General Meeting. In November the officers will be voted on for approval by membership. Thank you to the Nominating Committee.

Budget has been determined by Budget Committee. I will send out the new 2024 Budget with October Meeting agenda. Will have a vote in November at General Meeting on the budget for 2024.

Discussion regarding speaker fees and how it was requested that the guild should know how much the fees are. It was decided that the speaker fees would be given out so that the entire guild was aware of how much each speaker is. This is to be listed with the Budget report in our Board Meeting minutes and not announced at General Guild Meetings.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Zabell

Checking - \$14,071.00

Savings - \$ 5,335.83

Vice President - Sarah Craighead

Programs - (Barbara Means, LeighAnn Kloefkorn)

SEPT - Sampler Platter September 23-24 from 3-6pm.

UFO #5 is due at the October meeting.

December 1st sign-up deadline to do Post Card, Holiday theme. Make sure to sign up.

OCT – Lisa Russell “Lost Mill Towns of North Georgia” and there is a book (\$20 cash/check) available.

Our speaker Fee is \$150.

Also, 90th Featherweight Celebration sew-in after the meeting. We will have cupcakes.

NOV - We will be meeting for our General Meeting on the 7th at Summit Baptist Church.

(see General Meeting Minutes for address)

VP Challenge is due. AND Ruby Red/White Reveal 2022.

DEC - December 5th meeting will be back at Roberts School.
Presentation to the Acworth Police Department.
UFO Awards for those participating.

Holiday Celebration:

Will be at the Golden Corral on Barrett Parkway. This will be after the Dec. meeting.
We need to collect \$5 to hold your reservation. See General Meeting for more details.

JAN - To be determined

Committee Chair Reports

Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means

Next CS Day Oct 31 will be zoom (early voting) Over 100 quilts donated. Lee Ann Wharton volunteered to take 6 donated comfort quilt tops to be quilted. 972 pillowcases.

BOM - Danielle Morgan - See newsletter

Sunshine - Becky Lynn

Prayer for Lee Ann's Mother-in-law. Has stage 3 colon cancer.

Bylaws - Jan Wood

Add Birthday Club chairman to list of committees to be a voting chair and job description. Jan and Debbie will work on the job description

Membership - Lee Ann Wharton - Current Membership is 87

Sit-N-Sew - Kate McKenney

Next Sit and Sew Sept 26 In-Person at Roberts School- Special Projects

Special Projects - Melinda Fulkerson/Lynda Smith

Sept 26 will be Hexi pillow cover; need fabric for project. Email will be sent out with More instructions.

Red Top 2024 - Daryl Miller/ Kate McKenney

Excellent sign-up 44 spaces filled. Next meeting in Oct. will be after Board meeting via ZOOM.

Awards - Vicki Evaristo - Ordered awards for Red Top.

Newsletter-Due Date - Sue McBride - Due date for Newsletter is Sept 22

Food Pantry - Treasurer (Sue Zabell)

We discussed Mars Hill Food Pantry at our budget meeting and have decided to donate the \$\$ to a Food Bank in Acworth vs Mars Hill Church. We have a couple of options.

Webmaster - Kim Ayers

Working on getting pictures from Monique and updating the Calendar.

Door Prizes - Jill Kirkland/ Nancy Klump – We are OK

Zoom - Kate McKenney - OK

Other Discussion:

Close Meeting @11:07 am - Cindy Christenson

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary