



Allatoona Quilters' Guild

January 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

- January 2nd General Meeting Roberts School
- January 9th In person Sit and Sew/Special Projects
- January 16th Zoom Executive Board meeting
- January 23rd Zoom sit and Sew
- January 30th Community Service Roberts school

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

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

Pay by Zelle
AQGbanking@yahoo.com

January Program

The January 2, 2024 program is.....drum roll, please.....you! Please consider participating in the "EST" Trunk Show. Bring your FirstEST, HardEST, SmallestEST, LargestEST, FavoritEST, UgliEST, or WorstEST quilt. We want to see your most over-the-top—or otherwise—work, all in good fun, of course. We'll use our Show and Tell format, so you'll have a chance to tell the quilt's story to the group.

Because of high demand, we must limit each member to two quilts. Don't miss this unique opportunity to showcase your work!

Have questions? Contact Barbara Means (barbarameans@comcast.net) or Leigh Ann Kloefkorn (lark1953@hotmail.com).



President's News! Sue Zabell



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here is to each and every one of us having a wonderful new year. Start a new project that will make you happy. Don't worry how many UFO's you have. The Program people are working hard to give us great programs. This is an auction year, so start collecting the items you want to put into the auction. We are going to have a positive and wonderful year. And wouldn't it be wonderful if each and every member of this guild donated a quilt to community service!

Happy January Birthday!

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| 1 - 4 | Cathy Elliott |
| 1 - 20 | Danielle Morgan |
| 1 - 21 | Laura Vargas |
| 1 - 23 | Jeanne Hayden |
| 1 - 25 | Celeste Sheldt |
| 1 - 29 | Debbie Loizzo |
| 1 - 30 | Jacque Hodges |
| 1 - 30 | Patricia Freeman |





Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Vicki Evaristo, Jill Kirkland

On December 5, the Guild was proud to donate 161 comfort quilts to the Acworth Police Dept. Imagine, in 2007, the Guild made their first donation to the police department, and now, 16 years later over 1,000 quilts have been donated. This year we donated over 1,100 pillowcases to Ryan's Cases for Smiles. Along with our bears and kitty/doggie beds, we have been a very busy guild!

Now on to 2024, and this year, I am putting out a Comfort Quilt Pledge; this is a pledge you make to yourself...there are no rules, no deadlines, just a promise.

"I pledge to make one comfort quilt for the 2024 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."

Our first **Community Service Day** of 2024 is Tuesday, January 30 at the Roberts School. More information to follow.

Thank you to all members for your kindness and generosity to the Acworth Community, it is greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to 2024.
Carolyn Shea, Community Service Chair

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Sweet and Sour Ribs - Recipe from Dottie Pittman

3 to 4 lbs boneless country style ribs
1-20 oz can undrained pineapple tidbits
2-8oz cans tomato sauce
1/2 cup thinly sliced onions
1/2 cup thinly sliced green pepper
1/2 cup light brown sugar, packed
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup tomato paste
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 garlic clove, minced
Salt and pepper to taste

Place ribs in an ungreased slow cooker. In a large bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Pour over ribs. Cover and cook on low for 8-10 hours or until tender. Serve over bed of cooked rice. Serves 8

Vice President's News

Beth Aitken, 2024



We are bringing back the block exchange program this year. We have a beautiful blue and cream collection by Moda called Cascade. We will have fat quarters available at the January meeting for \$3.50. Please limit your purchase at this time to 3 fat quarters.

It's UFO time! Please make a list of 9 UFO's. Start with number one being the one you will have completed in February, Number two will be ready for March, number three for April, you see how this goes. So start with your least demanding project and end up with your most demanding project. You'll be on your honor. Your name will be entered in a drawing for each UFO you complete on time and will be entered for prizes.

April is Auction time, so clean out your sewing studios with the items you **don't** want and make room for the items you **do** want. For newer members , this auction is a collection of members Quilting items from fabric to tools that they auction off at our meeting. All proceeds go straight to AQG. More info will be provided at the January meeting.



Sarah Craighead, 2023 Vice President

I want to thank EVERYONE who participated in a program in 2023. Whether it was finishing a UFO, completing the Vice President's Challenge Quilt, watching short quilting segments on the All Star Quilter Platter, or attending a meeting and enjoying a program – your presence made a difference. 2024 will be great and I encourage you to be a part of as many of our programs and projects as you can make time for. The more the merrier.....!

Happy Quilting!

Red Top 2024: Reflections

Daryl Miller & Kate McKenney



Plans for Red Top Reflections Retreat

On March 11, we will be setting up for our retreat at nearby Red Top Mountain State Park. If you haven't signed up, Tuesday, January 2 is your chance! We will close registrations so we can finalize our plans and orders, so bring your checkbook and plan to:

- Pay your 2024 guild dues (\$35 bargain) and \$5 more after Jan 2!
- Sign up for the retreat, \$175.

The retreat will run March 12-15 from 9 am -9 pm with sewing, piecing, quilting, food, projects, games and fun!

There is information on line at [About the Retreat \(aqqguild.org\)](http://aqqguild.org).

We only have a few spots left, so if you have questions please contact Daryl Miller or Kate McKenney.

Creative Art Special Project for Red Top

Danielle Morgan will be leading our quilt art project and showing us one pattern with many creative possibilities at the retreat. She will provide the pattern for the original design and your creativity and imagination will give it your special angle on the project, and you will be delighted with the results! You can create it on one fat quarter sized background piece from your stash or even Scrap Mountain! So be ready to peek outside your box and try something artsy!

Red Top Games

We will be doing the ever popular right left center fat quarter game. This year's colors will be black and white, blenders, batiks. Please use quilt shop, quality fabrics, and all of your fat quarters should be a different pattern. This helps when a person wins the bunch of fat quarters.

Everyone seem to like the "notion in a bag" game. So this year place a new \$15 quilting notion or tool in a brown bag.

There will be other games, but you will not need to bring anything for participation.



December 2023

Dear Allatoona Quilters Guild Members:

As 2023 ends and a new year begins, I want to take this opportunity to THANK each of you for your donation of time and sewing talents. The organization could not function without your incredibly generous contributions. YOU are the essential piece of the puzzle that helps the entire family cope with one of life's most terrifying experiences while building resilience for the future. We are ever grateful for the role YOU play in these families' lives.

A hospital experience can be terrifying and traumatic for both a child and their family. While others strive to find cures for childhood diseases and illnesses, Ryan's Case For Smiles (RCFS) helps with the stress and emotional impact of an illness in the here and now. Our whimsical pillowcases give children an emotional boost, while resources and tools developed by RCFS help families better understand and cope with the experience. For more information, go to www.caseforsmiles.org.

In 2023, the 'Case For Smiles' Georgia Chapter delivered a total of 6,922 pillowcases to 15 hospitals throughout the state. A hospital in Gainesville was added in 2023. Pillowcases were also delivered to the local Ronald McDonald House, North Fulton Senior Services and Cobb Senior Services. To date, the Georgia Chapter has delivered 72,000+ 'smiles'. Nationwide, over 2.7 million pillowcases have been delivered since 2007.

Pillowcase donations to local hospitals would not be possible without your continued support. A total of 1,162 pillowcases were made and donated by AQG members. A special callout to the following members for donating 25 or more pillowcases: Debbie Court, Vicki Evaristo, Jacque Hodges, Malinda Thomas, Roxanne Santini, Jan Wood and Sue Zabell. Deb Cannizzaro, Barb Levan and Carolyn Shea went above and beyond the call of duty and made 100+ pillowcases. THANK YOU!

It has been a pleasure getting to know AQG members and to be part of such a wonderfully talented and generous group.

Thank you for 'helping kids feel better to heal better'.

Regards,

Barbara Means
Georgia Chapter Coordinator
Ryan's Case For Smiles
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P.S. For 2024, the Chapter needs boy and holiday (July 4th, Halloween, Hanukkah and Christmas) pillowcases.

Membership

Lee Ann Wharton 2023/Barbara Means 2024

We have 88 members.

It's time to think about paying membership dues for 2024! At \$35, it's a great deal!

Allatoona Quilters Guild membership is a bargain!

Benefits of Membership

- Great speakers and workshops
- Participation in Guild Challenges and Special projects
- Yearly retreat at Red Top Mountain
- Opportunities to show and tell your quilting projects to other quilters who love admiring them
- Monthly meetings where you can talk with other quilters at all experience levels
- Amazing raffles with fabulous prizes
- Time with friends who share your passion for quilting
- Make new quilting friends
- Regular zoom and/or in-person sit and sew days
- Community service projects including comfort quilts, pillowcases, bears and more
- Automatic delivery of our electronic newsletter and other announcements to keep you up to date
- Electronic membership list
- Volunteer opportunities at all levels of involvement

Renew Your Membership Now

*****Don't miss the deadline*****

After our January meeting the dues go up to \$40!

You can renew electronically with Zelle, thru the mail by check to 2024 Membership chair Barbara Means or in person at the January meeting by check or cash. See our website for more details.

If you have already renewed, Thank You!!!

AQG Block of the Month

Danielle Morgan

The 2023 BOM is DONE! Thank you for participating.

At the January meeting I will be showing my version of this quilt, here are the instructions for my easy sashing and borders:

Sashing:

Light Gray 2.5 x 12.5" strips

Black corner stones 2.5"

Borders:

Light Gray 2.5" strips

Medium Gray 4.5" strips

Dark Gray 6.5" strips

Our 2024 project will be announced at the January meeting with more info to come.

Happy New Year!

Reminder

Antique and Vintage Quilt Turning January 20, 2024

Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild will host an Antique and Vintage Quilt Turning on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Please join us in the auditorium of the Alpharetta branch of the Fulton County Library located at 10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta. The program will be from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

For those unfamiliar with quilt turnings, you are in for a treat! They are perhaps the precursor to our Show and Tell programs at today's quilt guild meetings. Many years ago, when quilters would get together, they would each bring a quilt to share to show their handiwork to friends. If space was limited, they would lay them all out on a bed, stacked one on top of the other. As each quilt was held up for viewing— "turned" -- the owner would talk about the quilt and tell its story.

The quilts presented at our quilt turning are more than 50 years old and owned by Chattahoochee Evening Stars Quilt Guild members. Some quilts have been handed down for generations, with documented stories, and are part of the heritage of that family. In other cases, the provenance of the quilt is unknown. Some have even been used for paint drop cloths!

Please join us to see amazing quilts and learn about quiltmaking history. This event is free and open to the public.

General Meeting Minutes

12.05.2023

Welcome and Announcements - Cindy Christenson
Opened Meeting @ 9:58 am

Program - Carolyn Shea

Acworth Police Presentation of CS Quilts! We have been presenting the APD with quilts since 2007.

Great job ladies! There is 161 Quilts; 1100 Pillowcases; 250 Kitty Beds and 74 Bears. Chief accepted the Quilts and Bears. Fifteen APD and Parks & Recreation personal attended.

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes: 1st, Kate McKenney; 2nd, Sue McBride

Birthdays for this month - Debbie Loizzo - Happy Birthday to all!

12/ 7 Sarah Craighead

12/ 9 Deborah Roberts

12/18 Doreen Clink

12/26 Jan Wood

12/26 Debi Cannizzaro

**I am grateful to each of you for allowing me to serve as your President this year. I am overwhelmed each and every day by the talented members of this group of quilters. As we reflect on 2023 and look forward to 2024. I know we have much to be proud of. Hope to see all of you in 2024! We have the best guild in this area!

Don't forget to come to Golden Corral to join us for lunch if you've signed up. If you haven't signed up come see me during the Break!

Cindy

***BREAK- Take a quick break before our business portion of our meeting.
Get your tickets for door prizes!***

General Meeting Items

Programs - Sarah Craighead/Barbara Means/ Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

The drawing for completed UFOs went to Sue McBride, she was presented with \$50 gift card.

Presentation of a certificate to those members completing every month of UFO program and a special sewing machine pin from Sarah's mothers collection.

Presentation of President's Quilt to Cindy along with Red/White Block exchange blocks.

Update on RCFS

Barbara Means

Jan.2 program

Member spotlight. Surprise, Surprise.

General Meeting Minutes continued

Budget Report - Sue Zabell

Checking -	\$15,372.91
Saving -	\$ 5,335.91
Food Bank	\$ 150.00

Committee Chair Reports (Don't forget to See the Newsletter Articles for other updates)

Community Service - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

January 30th Community Service will be in a smaller room.

Membership - Lee Ann Wharton - Current Membership – 88 (48 attending meeting)

Red Top Retreat - Daryl Miller/ Kate McKenney - Quilt was shown and there are 3 spaces left.

Sit and Sew - Zoom (Kate McKenney)

Dec 12 via Zoom

Jan 9 Sit and Sew will be In Person

Jan 23 Zoom Sit and Sew

Sunshine - Becky Lynn

Michelle Bunker asking for prayers after her accident.

Carol Bobar lost her son

Cindy Christenson having knee problems

Diane Chestnut's asking for prayers for Daughter-in-Law

Freda Kirtley has pneumonia/ was hospitalized.

Danielle Morgan's husbands' ears and her continued chemo treatments

Request – Judy Ozburn has asked if there is anyone that lives near her (Kennesaw) would be able to pick her up for meetings and take her home?

If anyone else needs assistance, please reach out to one of our officers or anyone in the guild so we can assist.

Pins – left over pins from anniversary. If you are interested see Celeste Sheldt

Show and Tell (We need a couple of volunteers to hold quilts)

Make sure you've signed for your Show and Tell Item(s)

Door Prizes - Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland

If you can please stick around and help put things away so that we can get to Golden Corral, that would be much appreciated so we can all get there on time! NO HURRY to get there.

We have the room reserved for 1 Pm.

Close @ 12:10 pm - Cindy Christenson

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Dec 19, 2023 via Zoom

President Cindy Christenson - Welcome @ 10:01 am (23 attending)
This is the last Board Meeting for 2023
January 2, 2024 is the next General Meeting

Please send the Year End Reports for your committee to Cindy by Friday Dec 22.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Zabell

Checking - \$15,7775.91

Saving - \$ 5,335.95

Food Pantry \$ 93.00 Check mailed to Summit Baptist Church

Vice President

Sarah Craighead

Programs (Barbara Means, Leigh Ann Kloefkorn)

Jan. 2 At Roberts School/In Person

"Est" Quilt Member Show & Tell (limit of 2 quilts each) (Examples: Firstest, Ugliest, Worstest, Favoritest, Etc)

New VP 2024 Programs -

Beth Aitken

February program: Labels and Workshop on how to prepare them.

2024 Block Exchange is returning – fabric/FQ will be available to be purchased.
The 2024 VP Challenge will also be presented.

April - Auction

September - Lecture and class

June - Zoom

New Business:

Christenson/Sue Zabell (2024 President)

Cindy

Availability for Meetings at Roberts School
(Concerns and ideas)

These are the days that are not available to us in 2024: June, July, November (need room)-
maybe check to see if we can get the large room at the Police Station; talk to Mayor was
suggested;

June & July(not firmed up yet) will be Zoom meetings.

Executive Board continued

Discussion: Roxanne suggested that we look at Thursdays for Sit N Sew as it was previously done on Thursday's. But there was discussion regarding lack of participation when this was done.

Beth A- suggestion for a Survey for Tuesday or Thursday preference

Also there was discussion about using the small building available but it may be too small.

Committee Chair Reports

Community Service - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means - January 30 will be in a smaller room. We donated 161 Quilts; 1167 Pillowcases; 250 Kitty Beds and 74 Bears

BOM - Danielle Morgan

January -Danielle will be showing the 2023 BOM Quilt.

Next year we will be doing a different format (more like a Roosting Red Robin), concentrating on borders (2 choices); 5 people have made a 16" block that will be shown in Jan as examples for the medallion center. Probably will not be doing something every month, giving people more time to complete.

Sunshine - Becky Lynn

Debi Cannizzaro's Grandson passed away

Michelle Bunker is going to have arm and shoulder surgery Dec 21

Cindy Christenson still having knee problems.

By-Laws: Jan Wood - All remains "Calm and Pure"

Membership - Lee Ann Wharton

Current membership is 88

Reminder needs to go in Newsletter that if members are not paid up for their 2024 dues, they will not be receiving Communication after the Jan General Meeting.

For End of year report- need to add the new members during the year as this will go into the Archives.

60 have paid for 2024 to date. Members have until Jan 2 meeting to pay \$35, after that a \$5 fee will be added for renewals.

Sit-N-Sew - Kate McKenney - No Sit and Sew on Dec 26, January 9 will be the next Sit N Sew

Special Projects - Melinda Fulkerson/Lynda Smyth

Jan 9 will be a special Projects Day- Yoyo Heart project. Demos on both yoyo maker and doing by hand. (Size is the Yellow Yoyo maker)

Discussion for having Special Projects monthly except for those months we are not meeting in Person. It was agreed we would do that this year. It will be on the 4th Tuesday except for Jan 9.

Executive Board Minutes continued

Red Top 2024 - Daryl Miller/ Kate McKenney - Meeting after Board Meeting

Archivist - Celeste Sheldt

Old Recipes /question - Post each month w/name of Member in Newsletter
Need number of new members for the 2023 year.

Newsletter-Due Date - Sue McBride - Dec 22- last day to submit newsletter articles.

Webmaster - Kim Ayers

Calendar to be made easier to locate. I can only put in the Website what is reported to me.

If you want something on the Website, you need to submit to Kim so she can make those changes.

Zoom - Kate McKenney - No Zoom Dec 26

Close Meeting @ 11:15 am - Cindy Christenson

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary