

2023 End of Year Committee Reports Allatoona Quilters Guild

President's End of Year Report

Cindy Christenson

2023 has been a good year. We've added new members. The guild has been very active in our Community Service Projects and had an amazing number of donated pillowcases and CS quilts.

We've had to make a few changes in our meeting facility but the guild has done a great job of keeping up with changes. Thank you for being so flexible. Thank you again to Summit Baptist Church for allowing us to meet there at our November meeting.

It has been a pleasure working with AQG the last two years and allowing me to be your President.

Vice President Annual Report 2023

Sarah Craighead

Challenge Quilt 2023

- Theme: Your Origin Story (Where do you come from?)
- Size: Perimeter -Between 80-264 inches
- Must use 3 techniques, ex. Applique, paper piecing, English Paper Piecing, embellishment, different types of fabrics, etc.
- Was anonymously displayed and voted on in November for favorite quilt by guild members. 3 members participated. Nancy Klump's quilt was chosen.
- Winning quilt maker was awarded a \$50 gift certificate.

UFO Challenge 2023

- Lasted for 10 months.
- In December, participants wrote a list numbered 1-10 with a finished product for each number. (Could be a finished quilt, pieced top, etc.)

- Each month we drew a number for the next month. The first number was drawn in January. Participants did not know which project needed to be completed until we drew it for each month.
- Everyone who completed their project on time had their name entered into an end-of-the year drawing.
- At the end of the year, we drew from all of the entered names. You could be entered up to 10 times if you complete each month.
- The drawing prize was a \$50 gift certificate. Each participant received a charm for the months they completed. If they finish all 10 months on time, they received a special antique sewing machine pin and a certificate.
- Lists were on the honor system and were not kept by the VP.
- We had 134 entries for the drawing and nine people who completed their projects for each month. Sue McBride won the gift certificate.

Sampler Platter

- Two All Star Global Quilter Sampler Platters were offered in 2023 in May and September.
- We conducted a survey to see if members were getting value from the program since it costs \$100 for each session. 22 members responded and out of that 19 had participated. 95% of respondents said that it was money well spent. 70% said that we should hold the program twice a year.

President's Quilt

- The program committee pieced the quilt for the President's gift this year and it was quilted by Daryl Miller. The pattern used was Showering Stars by Robin Pickens.
It was presented to Cindy at the December meeting.

Secretaries Report 2023

Pat Trapanese

Minutes for the General and Executive Board Meeting every Month during 2023.

Minutes were sent to the President and Newsletter for approval.

PROGRAMS 2023

Barbara Means/ Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

2023		PROGRAM	Budget: \$3,500	Actual: \$2,689.71	Comments
JANUARY					
Jan 3	Zoom	Quilt Judge lecture: Patty Sawyer			Jill made arrangements; Sarah: introduce annual VP Challenge and UFO Challenge
FEBRUARY					
Feb 7	in-person	Linda Brannock trunk show by Karmen Sunshine	\$200; \$75 mileage	\$200; \$36	11/5/22 email confirmation; Red Wagon; primitive
MARCH					
Mar 7	in-person	Diana Quinn wool embellishment trunk show; workshop	\$100 L; \$450 WS	\$100; \$450; \$330	10/24/22 email confirmation; \$30 kit; \$45 WS fee; max 15 for workshop; 12:30 - 5pm; 2022 BOM Reveal
APRIL					
Apr 4	in-person	Amy Walsh, Shirt Off Your Back, trunk show/T-shirt quilts/store	\$250; \$50 mileage	\$250; \$33.75	10/20/22 email confirmation; amy@shirtoffyourbackquilts.com
MAY					
May 2	in-person	Member "antique & vintage bed turning"			1970 & older; 25 quilts max
May 6 & 7	Zoom	GQC All Star Sampler; 3 - 6pm	\$100	\$100	registration begins Feb 2023; Sarah to monitor; registration fee pd in March; member survey after the event
JUNE					
Jun 6	Zoom	Julia McLeod, 'Everything but the Cotton' lecture	\$450	\$450	10/24/22 email confirmation; juliemcleodquilts@gmail.com; signed contract 11/4/22
JULY					

Jul 11	Zoom	Merikay Waldvogel '1933 Chicago World's Fair Sears Quilt Contest'	\$400	\$400	10/17/22 email confirmation; quiltalive@aol.com
AUGUST					
Aug 1	in-person	Member "upcycle" Trunk Show and sew afternoon			sew afternoon after general meeting
SEPTEMBER					
Sep 5	in-person	(1) Judy Jarvi, Windham Fabrics	\$100	106.95	11/23/22 email confirmation; fabric design lecture
Sep 23 & 24	Zoom	(2) 2023 Red Top Reveal GQC All Star Sampler	\$100	\$100	Friendship Star Sarah registered guild
Sep 26	in-person	sew day = Special Project = hexie pillow			
OCTOBER					
Oct 3	in-person	Lisa Russell author 'Lost Mill Towns of North Georgia'	\$150		Featherweight birthday Oct 3, 1933; cupcakes
NOVEMBER					
Nov 7	in-person at church	(1) VP Challenge: 'Your Origin Story: Where do you come from?'	\$100	\$55.95	\$50 gift cert to winner; beads/charms for participants; 11/7/23 = 3 participants
		(2) 2022 'Ruby' Block Exchange reveal			
		UFO #6			
DECEMBER					
Dec 5	in-person	Community Service Presentation			
		UFO Award Presentation	\$100	\$55.95; \$21.11	participants who completed all 10 projects on time name entered into drawing for each month; 10 max; \$50 gift cert; beads/charms for participants

2024 JANUARY		Member holiday/winter themed Postcard Exchange			23 participants
Jan 2	in-person	"EST" Member Trunk Show			ugliest, smallest, largest, worstest, firstest, easiest

Treasurers Report:

Sue Zabell

BUDGET ITEMS	2023 Budget Jan 1, 2023	Income Year to date	Expenses Year to date	Remaining year to date	Notes
Awards	\$200.00			200.00	
Birthday	\$50.00		120.00	-70.00	
Community Service	\$200.00		189.03	10.97	
Equipment	\$100.00			100.00	
Hostess	\$200.00			200.00	
Membership	\$75.00			75.00	
Newsletter	\$25.00			25.00	
Officers	\$60.00		77.76	-17.76	
President Gift	\$200.00		128.21	71.79	
Programs	\$3,500.00	1,050.00	2,839.71	1,710.29	
Special Projects	\$200.00		25.64	174.36	
Website	\$250.00		263.88	-13.88	
Zoom	\$150.00		104.93	45.07	
Total	\$5,210.00	\$1,050.00	\$3,749.16	\$2,510.84	

SELF FUNDING ITEMS	Start Total	Income Year to Date	Expenses Year to Date	Remaining year to date	Notes
Food Bank		699.41	699.41	0.00	gave \$93

Sunshine	410.16	14.00	171.30	252.86
Red Top 2024	10.13	6,917.50	35.54	6,892.09
Total	420.29	7,630.91	906.25	7,144.95

Total in Checking		\$15,775.91	
Total in Savings		\$5,335.95	
Total AQG money balance			\$21,111.86

General Fund- money not reserved	\$5,815.06
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Checking account balance includes general fund, Red Top, Sunshine and remaining budget

checkbook balance - for Treasures reference only \$15,470.85

Newsletter: (Sue McBride)

I have sent out the newsletter each month this year. It goes out sometime during the week before the General Meeting. The deadline for submissions is usually the Friday after the Executive Board. If there is an extra week between Executive Board meetings and the General Meeting, I will extend the deadline a few days.

I will also send out the January 2024 newsletter, as it actually goes out in 2023.

I use a Power Point format to create the newsletter, then save it as a PDF for distribution.

BOM 2023

Danielle Morgan

We will not know how many people have been finishing this quilt, but every month the pattern was published in the newsletter.

The 2022 BOM was shown in March 2023 with several finished quilts.

Medallion Quilt 2024 is planned and ready to roll out in January 2024.

By laws (Jan Wood)

This year, by unanimous vote, the board confirmed that Birthday Club would be a permanent committee chair and have a vote in board matters.

We also had the successful election of the four members to the Executive Board who will be serving in 2024.

Door Prizes 2023

(Nancy Klump & Jill Kirkland)

The door prize procedure was changed this year to allow members to pick the prize(s) they wanted. We put a basket in front of each prize to collect tickets, and members would put their purchased (\$1 per ticket) tickets into the basket of the prize they would like to win. Due to the overwhelming approval of the guild, we will continue with this procedure for 2024. The December drawing had 5 gift baskets with varying values as well as five individual prizes. Members were quite excited about this as well.

Archivist:

Celeste Sheldt

Our quilt guild banner was put into our archives when a new guild banner was made to commemorate our 40th anniversary that we celebrated last year. The members that made the new banner are- Doreen Clink, Sue McBride, Glenna Martin, and Danielle Morgan.

2023 Zoom coordinator and Sit n Sew

Kate McKenney

The guild continued with the zoom sit and sews in 2023 and for the most part - all sessions were well attended by up to 20+ guild members. Many great ideas were tossed around and there were lots of projects completed in the year before our screens. The in person sit and sews were also well attended by the guild members.

Zoom coordination for the Board Meetings and sit and sews went well despite my own technical challenges and I have always appreciated Cindy Christenson's input, help and guidance!

Community Service 2023 –

Carolyn Shea

Community Service Days were held January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31 (zoom), averaging 20 members. At the December 5 General Meeting, we delivered 161 comfort quilts to Chief Evans and the Acworth Police Dept. As of December 5, the members made and donated 1,167 pillowcases to "Ryan's Case for Smiles." The members also made and delivered 71 bears out of old police uniforms. Members made numerous dog and kitty beds that were donated to local animal shelters.

RCFS(Ryan's Case for Smiles)

Barbara Means

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 hospital 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.

Birthday Club

Debbie Loizzo

Cards were sent out to 85 members this year.

Webmaster 2023

Kim Ayers

The guild continues to use the GoDaddy web site/creator. We have had a great response to the "Contact Us" feature. These emails have netted a bonus amount of donated fabric during 2023.

Red Top Retreat Sue McBride and Sue Baumgartel, co-chairs

Held March 13-17, 2023.

We had 50 attendees @ \$175 each.

For the first time we did assigned seating, based on where everyone usually sits. Everyone seemed to be ok with it, and we made sure that new people/first time attendees were seated at a group that would look out for them.

The theme was "Sew Happy Together".

Another successful first was our moving/stretching/dancing breaks led by Beth Aitken.

For an optional charity project, we made mug rugs, which were donated to senior meal delivery.

There was a surplus at the end and everyone was issued an \$11 refund.

Hostess

Roxanne Santini

We didn't have any events for the Hostess position to plan for 2023. In order to serve my Guild I arrive early to set up the tables and chairs for our monthly meeting and others help out.

Sunshine**Becky Lynn**

Sunshine committee sent out a total of 35 cards for illnesses or falls. A total of five plants were delivered for surgeries. Two members of the guild lost family members and were sent flowers. Five phone calls were placed to check on guild members. It was a busy year! Hoping next year will be quieter.