

Allatoona Quilters' Guild

April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

- April 2 General Meeting – Auction – meeting in classroom
- April 9 Zoom – Sit and Sew
- April 16 Board Meeting Zoom – all are welcome
- April 23 Special Projects/Sit and Sew – In Person
- April 30 Community Service – In Person

President's News! Sue Zabell

SPRING!!!

Anyone who didn't grow up where there was a Spring thaw doesn't know what they missed. Talking about rutted mud on a non-paved driveway that was on a hill with water running down. Getting off the school bus and trying to get up said driveway without sinking in mud. Oh memories!

Spring is a time of renewal, to start over. Sometimes we need to do that with our sewing, even if it isn't Spring.

We need someone to step up to chair Red Top 2025. If you are wondering what you would need to do, there are many people you can talk to. Please let me know if you are interested. Sue Z.

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SILENT AUCTION

Hi everybody, I know you've all been busy cleaning out your studios and finding items for our auction. The best part about this is you're making room for all the wonderful items you're going to bring home.

- Early drop off will be Monday between 3:00 and 5:00 with your sheets filled out and ready to place on the tables already set up. (Bid Sheets have been emailed to you.) If you are unable to attend early drop off, and you have auction items, please arrive at 9am on Tuesday so that we can get items arranged with bid sheets. The auction will take place after the beginning of the general meeting. If you've placed a bid on an item circle back a few times to see if you've been outbid, so you have a chance of raising it up.
- If you were unfamiliar on how to fill out the auction sheet, please set your initial bid in one dollar increments and hopefully others will raise it up. If your item doesn't sell and you would like it back, please put your name on the back of the auction sheet.
- After we have all bid at the auction, we will return back to the meeting room for our general meeting while the auction elves organize the results. When we return, you can check to see if you won and then proceeded to the checkout counter. Bring your friends, your checkbook, a pen and I believe you can use Zelle this year. All proceeds go to our guild. [Remember that it is our main Guild fundraiser!](#)
- The don't bring list: no fabric scraps or magazines please.
- Also please be responsible for taking home anything that doesn't move to another home.



Vice President's News- UPCOMING EVENTS

Beth Aitken

Greetings from your Program Committee!

April 2 - Bring your UFO's to the General Meeting, we are just trying to complete our UFOs and get them on the done checklist.

April 13 and 14 - The Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter. Links will be sent out in an email.

April 17th - Ben Hollingsworth will provide a portrait class. We are waiting to hear what the cost will be.

May 7th - Carol Stanek will present a lecture and a landscape class.

The **VP challenge** quilt this year is **reflections**. Make it any size you want! We all want Quilts we can use!

The definition of reflection is the throwing back by a body or surface of light, heat, or sound without absorbing it, imagine all the possibilities!

That's it for now you
Quilting rock stars!

Your program committee!



Quilting Quips



While I write “Hoarding, Buried Alive” is on the TV in my sewing room ... how ironic! LOL

It’s auction time and this fabric/notion/book/pattern hoarder has got to get to work, ridding my room and closet of all the goodies I’ve not touched or used in a long time, or ever! I love all my “stuff” and parting with some of them is at moments, emotional. How silly!

“I love these patterns. I’ll use them someday! ... really?”

Put them in the auction!

“I don’t remember what these rulers are supposed to do! ... really?”

Put them in the auction!

“I’ve had these FQ bundles for a while. Maybe I’ll use them? ... really?”

Put them in the auction!

“How many cross-stitch hoops do I need? I’ve not done cross-stitch in years! ... really?”

Put them in the auction!

The list of unnecessary items is long, way too long! ... really?”

Put it ALL in the auction!

I confess...I’m a chronic hoarder of all things craft, fabric, and quilting! I’m ready for a change...

Put it ALL in the auction!



Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Vicki Evaristo, Jill Kirkland

Ladybugs, as I am writing this article, I am looking out my window at the flowering trees...welcome to Springtime in Georgia. A couple reminders. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - our Community Service Spring Sew-in is Tuesday, April 30 at Roberts School. More information to follow. **KITTY BEDS** - Jill asked me to remind you that if you are making "STUFFED" kitty beds, they need to measure 15" x 15" square, and the kitty "PADS" are to be 11" x 16.5" unstuffed. I suggest that you put a pieced of thin batting or flannel between the pad. Time to take a walk and look at the beautiful flowers. Some believe a ladybug sighting foreshadows a bout of good luck. 🐞

Happy Quilting!
Carolyn Shea

Ryan's Case For Smiles

The Georgia Chapter has been busy making pillowcase deliveries to CHOA Scottish Rite / Egleston locations and a special stop at the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to all you made such deliveries possible.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Barb



Red Top 2024: Reflections Wrapup



Thank you for a wonderful week at Red Top! We had a great time, mostly beautiful weather and plenty of good food and fun snacks. There are so many people to thank for the fun, and we'll start with the new members who joined us this year and are now a special part of the guild. Welcome!

To hold the Red Top Retreat every year takes a village, and we certainly have one. It's a machine with separate jobs and parts, and each is important. Our Thanks to these Quilty Friends who helped:

- Thank you to Carolyn Shea and our Set up/Take down group, who opened and closed up.
- Special thanks for a great job by Pat Trapanese and Roxanne Santini and their Kitchen Crew.
- We appreciate the work Kim Ayers (and her husband Mike!) did for the delightful Goody Bags
- Beth Aitken did a great job with Fun and Games.
- We loved Danielle Morgans Special "Bloom" Project!
- And we appreciate the creative and different "I Found a Heart" Service Project from Sue McBride and Sue Baumgartel!
- Also, thanks to Sue McBride for our "Reflections 2024" quilt labels
- Pat Freeman did a great job with thoughtfully setting the stage with the adorable "Reflective" decorations!
- Barbara Means and Leigh Ann Kloefkorn handmade our cute magnetic name tags!
- Thanks to Cindy Christenson for taking photos to help us remember the fun!
- Thank you to our amazing friend Rose Archer who magically took care of Scrap Mountain!
- And thanks to Beth Virden for her suggestion of the Kool Kaleidoscope Quilt from Ricky Tims and all the quilters who tried this new challenge. We look forward to the final reveals!

Super thanks to Co-Chair Kate McKenney who was always happy to help, took care of all the bookkeeping and watched the finances so we were able to get more pizza than we really needed, after all!

Happy quilting to everyone!

Daryl Miller

RECIPE CORNER

DOUBLE APPLE SALAD

- 1 large golden delicious apple, diced
- 1 large red delicious apple diced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 can (20 ounce) pineapple chunks drained
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 2/3 cup flaked coconut



- 1/2 cup walnuts or pecans
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tbs thinly sliced celery

In a bowl, toss apples with lemon juice. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.
Yield 10-12 servings

Martha Day

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY!

Lee Ann Wharton 4/14

Rose Archer 4/19

Lana Patane 4/28

Happy Birthday to all. 🎂



2024 AQQ Medallion Quilt

Danielle Morgan

April and May Border and Sashing:

As I said, this year you get to choose what your border might be. Those of you who do not love making Flying Geese have an option!

40 Flying Geese 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Make 4 strips of 10 Flying Geese.



OR

40 Rectangles 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

Make 4 strips of 10 Rectangles



You will also need 4 Square in a Square blocks, 4 1/2" each.

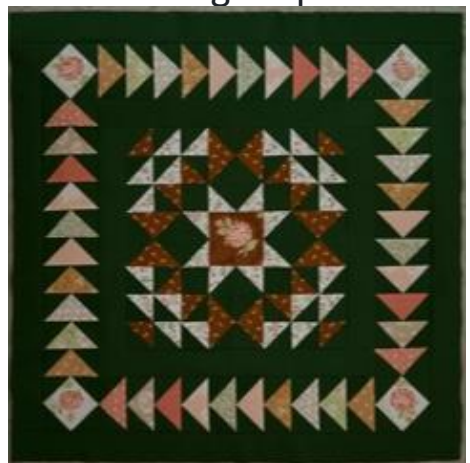
Sew two strips on opposite sides of the Medallion,
Sew Square in Square blocks on ends of two remaining strips.
Sew these strips onto Medallion.
Quilt should now be 28 1/2" square!

Next you will need:

2 2 1/2" x 28 1/2" sashing

2 2 1/2" x 32 1/2" sashing

You have two months to finish your assignment, I hope you are loving your 32 1/2" square!



TIP OF THE DAY

The Problem: Prewashing Precuts is stringy business

Normally it is not recommend to prewash your [precut fabrics](#), but occasionally there might be a good reason to do so (perhaps you are mixing them with older fabrics or because you are uncertain about their colorfastness?)

The Fix: Use a Salad Spinner!

Place the pieces in the spinner and add some hot water and detergent. Give them a good spin, then rinse and spin out again to extract as much water as possible. Lay flat, then press with a hot iron to dry.



LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

Cindy Christenson is accepting new clients. She will do community service quilts at a discounted price.

Jan Cox is accepting new clients. She does pantos and also has several free motion designs. She offered to do a few free community service quilts for the guild (NOT per person).

Jill Kirkland is always accepting new clients.

Please contact them personally with any questions.



Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Sue Zabell

Any first time Guests?

There were five first-time guests: Angela Beals, Cheryl Butler, Liz Thompson, Dawn Davis and Elizabeth Bell; Dawn became member.

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes

First – Beth Aiken

Second – Kate McKenney

Birthdays for this month Debbie Court

Happy Birthday to all!!!!

Beth Virden 3/9 Dianne Chestnut 3/10 Jan Cox 3/10 Carol Bobar 3/15 Susan Richardson 3/25 Paula Grigsby 3/27 Dianne Olsen 3/31 Huguette Boyer 3/31

General Meeting Items

Programs 2024 Beth Aiken, Jan Cox, Mary Shubert
Michelle Bunker, Debbie Winstead

April – Guild Auction: details will be provided member through Newsletter and Communications. Drop off on April 1-3-5 at Roberts School, Have forms completed.

VP Challenge – theme is “reflections” – can be any size

FQ's for exchange: a few FQ are left – last opportunity to purchase for \$3.50.

Budget Report Sue McBride

Guild received a thank-you note from church - \$69 was sent.

Total checking: \$16,501.99

Savings: \$5,336.05

Total: \$21,838.04

General Fund: \$4,966.42

General Meeting Minutes – Continued

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

BOM Danielle Morgan
Next instructions will be in Newsletter next month.

Community Service Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland
Carolyn – 24 quilts received thus far; many kitty beds
Next Community Service event is April 30 at Roberts School.

Membership Barbara Means
78 Members; 44 here for meeting; Glenna won nametag drawing.

Newsletter Cindy Christen/Sarah Craighead
Contest winner: Kate McKenney

Red Top 2024 Daryl Miller/Kate McKenney
Thank you to committee members who have helped plan the event. Daryl and Kate reviewed parameters for the Kaleidoscope quilt; bring extra fabric and rulers; Daryl to give instruction to those doing the quilt.

Sit and Sew Zoom (Kate McKenney)
Next will be March 12.

Special Projects Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini
Roxanne reported – project will be quilt square roll up; meeting on 3/26.

General Meeting Minutes - Continued

Sunshine

Becky Lynn

Becky – eye issues

Sylvia – BIL surgery

Zoom Sit-N-Sew

Kate McKenney

There will not be a Sit N-Sew in March due to Red Top retreat.

BREAK – Buy your Door Prize tickets

Program - Ben Hollingsworth “Color in Your Quilt”

Excellent program presented by Ben!

Show and Tell

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

Door Prizes

Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland

Close

Sue Zabell

Meeting closed at approximately 12:15.

Red Top meeting after General Meeting

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Minutes

March 19, 2024 via Zoom

President

Sue Zabell

Welcome

Meeting called to order by President at 10:01.

Treasurer's Report

Sue McBride

Current month's Report and Food Bank

Total in Checking: \$15,914.88

Total in Savings: \$5,336.09

Total balance: \$21,250.97

General Fund (not reserved): \$4,988.60

Sue McBride requested that Red Top checks be deposited as soon as possible.

Vice President

Beth Aitken

Programs

(Jan Cox, Mary Shubert
Michelle Bunker, Debbie Winstead)

Auction is April 2; will be drop off on April 1 from 3-5 pm. Beth will send out forms and instructions prior to newsletter so members have info in advance. Daryl provided Beth with process and details from previous auction to help in her planning. Beth needs a few more volunteers to help with processing money – there were several volunteers. Per Sue McBride payment by Zelle will be ok. Put "Auction" in message section. All funds raised go back to the Guild.

May program will be Carol Stanek; Stitch with Color; landscape may be focus. More details will follow in Newsletter.

Executive Board Minutes - Continued

Committee Chair Reports

Archivist

Celeste Shildt

Celeste would like the Group Red Top photo for Archives. Ki Ayers to provide

Awards

Vicki Evaristo

Ribbons, etc. being used up.

Birthday Club

Debbie Court

Working on upcoming April birthdays.

BOM

Danielle Morgan

Details will be in Newsletter

Bylaws

Jan Wood

Nothing to report.

Communication

Nancy Draheim

No Report.

Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means

Member requested that sizes for cat beds be put in Newsletter. No dog beds please at this time.

Door Prizes

Jill Kirkland/ Nancy Klump

Not doing in April due to Auction.

Hostess

Roxanne Santini

All is fine.

Membership

Barbara Means

79 current Members

Newsletter-Due Date

Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson

Friday, March 22

Photographer

Monique Byrne

No report.

Executive Board Minutes - Continued

Red Top 2024

Daryl Miller/ Kate McKenney

Retreat was very successful; stayed within budget - only \$100 overage; Kate did great job in managing finances for event. Daryl had many “hats;” responding to quilt questions as well as PT job as electrician. All teams were praised for helping in executing a great event. Tip to caterer: \$700. Completed quilts to be revealed in January but Daryl would love to see progress earlier if possible.

Payment/reservation was made for 2025 – March 10 start.

Special Projects

Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini

Project will be a block roll-up; information to be provided for meeting on March 26.

Sunshine

Becky Lynn

Nothing to report.

Webmaster

Kim Ayers

Kim updating with Red Top photos and other updates.

Zoom

Kate McKenney, Cindy Christenson

Kim Ayers, Nancy Draheim

All is fine.

ZOOM Sit-N-Sew

Kate McKenney

Next Sit N-Sew is March 26.

Other Discussion:

Question about Global Quilt Connection on 4/12 and 13; Beth to check as to whether we signed up or if we’re waiting till fall session.

Per Sue: Please let Sue know if you need to give a report at the April general meeting. I want to keep the business part of the meeting as short as possible. Reports will be given for birthdays, Red Top wrap-up, Special Projects – any others please let Sue Z know

Close Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 by Sue Z.