

Allatoona Quilters' Guild

August 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

- August 6 - General Meeting - Roberts School
- August 13 - Sit and Sew - Roberts School
- August 20 - Board Meeting – ZOOM
- August 27 - Sit and Sew - Roberts School



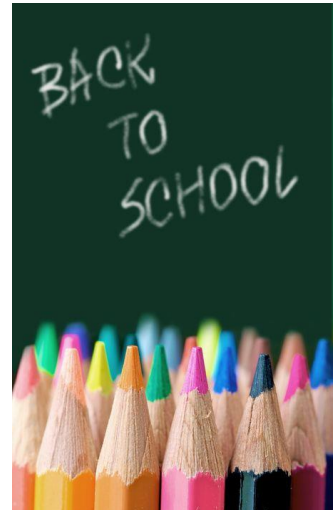
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President's News Sue Zabell

Back to School



I use to be excited for the beginning of school each year. That is for maybe the first two days! We should always be open to learn new things with our quilting. I have to admit I've been comfortable where I am for awhile. Don't be afraid to take classes.

Let us know if there are classes you would like the guild to offer.



Vice President's News- UPCOMING EVENTS

Beth Aitken

Greetings from your Program Committee!

Rockstars are you ready for a fabulous demo day at our **August** meeting? We will have many members demonstrating different techniques in paper piecing, yes that includes the freezer paper method. Also appliqué and embellishments. Debbie Winstead will be taking signups for meeting in September.

In **September** we will have Diane Knott present a lecture and a half day class on a Scrappy table runner. The cost is \$45 , and you will learn many piecing techniques and how to use scraps in your projects. We will provide sub sandwiches and ice tea. If you would like something else please bring it with you. When Diane sends the supply list, we will forward it on to you.

Please keep working on your block exchange blocks and turn them in by October meeting so that we can have them ready by **November**.

Keep in mind:

UFO's

Vice president challenge quilt, reflections

Global quilt connection, **September** 28th and 29th.
I'll send out the link when I get it.

Lastly, when you're searching through Instagram and Quilt websites, please let your program committee know what teachers and techniques are of interest to you.

Thanks so much,

Your program committee



Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means,
Vicki Evaristo, Jill Kirkland



Ladybugs,

Can you believe it is the end of July already. Where has the time gone? I know I have been spending time putting together pillowcase kits and bindings for comfort quilts. Why you ask.. because July 30 is our next Community Service Day at the Roberts School. Now is a good time to start working on Halloween and Christmas pillowcases; CHOA needs about 500 for Christmas. Come sew, talk, eat chocolate with me. Doors will open at 10:00; bring your lunch, beverage and a snack to share. Happy Quilting!

Carolyn Shea & Barbara Means
Community Service

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES



The elves at the Ryan's Case For Smiles workshop have been busy making deliveries to CHOA Scottish Rite/Egleston and the nearby Ronald McDonald House. The pillowcases spread much needed 'comfort and joy' to the many sick or injured children. If you are shopping and find some bargains, I am collecting Halloween and Christmas pillowcases. If you are not interested in sewing (that is fine), quart size bags and color catchers are always welcome. I will be at the July 30 Community Service Sew Day with kits to share. THANKS for all you do on behalf of Ryan's Case For Smiles.

Barb Means



RED TOP 2025

Hello Ladies!

We will be announcing the theme to the 2025 Red Top retreat at our August general meeting! There will be a short meeting after the general meeting for those that are planning on serving on a Red Top Committee. PLEASE respond to the emails I have sent out (you may get more than one, so be sure to response to each email). We are working on securing our committees as soon as possible to get the ball rolling. We will begin Red Top sign ups and payment collections at the September 3rd general meeting. We are looking forward to another fabulous retreat!

Thanks!
Jill & Nancy



RECIPE CORNER

MACARONI AND CHEESE RECIPE

8oz elbow macaroni
1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese grated
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup grated onions
3 tbsp butter
Ritz crackers crumbled



Cook macaroni until done than drain immediately. Mix all ingredients together and pour into greased casserole dish. Top with Ritz cracker crumbs. Cook for 25 minutes at 325 degrees. YUMMMM!!

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY!

Our ladies with August birthdays are -

Roxanne Santini 8/3

Barbara Levan 8/5

Vicki Evaristo 8/6

Kate McKenney 8/12

Marywallis Soetebier 8/19

Tippi Healea 8/20



🎂 Happy Birthday to all,
Debbie Court 🎂

August and September Border:

HST

Cut 46 Background squares 3", draw diagonal line on back of each

Cut 46 Feature fabric squares 3"

Draw a diagonal line on each Background fabric.

Match background and features, sew two lines and cut at the drawn lines to get 88 blocks.

Press and trim to 2 1/2" each.

You can now play with how you will use them for your border, here are some ideas:



Sew rows, 2 of 22 blocks and 2 of 24 blocks.

or...

SQUARES:

Cut 46 2 1/2" Squares of Background

Cut 46 2 1/2" Squares of Color

Sew together two rows of 22 blocks

Sew together two rows of 24 blocks

(You have a choice in that you could cut 88 2 1/2" squares of Color and no squares of Background.)

Sew two 22 block rows and press

Sew two 24 block rows and press

Sashing:

2 2 1/2" x 50 1/2" sashing

2 2 1/2" x 54 1/2" sashing



The Best Quilting Tips for All levels of quilters from [The Wyoming Valley Quilt Block](#)

The Problem: Miscuts due to hard to read rulers.

It happens! It's easy to accidentally use the wrong line on your ruler to make a cut. Here is a handy tip to help prevent that!

The Fix: Find the Right Line

Use a dry erase marker to temporarily mark the line you need to use on your acrylic ruler so you can see it better. When you are finished, wipe it off!

The Problem: Your "perfect" fabric fails the bleed test

You've tested that lovely dark red fabric and the bad news is that it is bleeding red. Don't let that spoil your quilt.

The Fix: ReTayne those Colors!

Look for a product called ReTayne and use as directed. It will set the colors in the fabric so that they no longer bleed, and you will have a beautiful quilt with colors that last a lifetime! You can usually find this at a local quilt shop, or at Amazon.

The Problem: Your Flying Geese and Half Square Triangles are coming up short

Probably one of my favorite tips ever! When making geese and HST's where you have drawn a line on the diagonal of a square and you are supposed to sew on the line. Try this fix and watch perfection start to happen.

The Fix: Aim a Hair to the Right

Instead of sewing directly on the drawn line, position your needle just a hair to the right of it. When the seam is pressed open, you will find that you will have nailed it. (This works because the thickness of your fabric eats a bit into your 1/4" seam, and that hair you gave it just took that into account.)

The Problem: Patches & Labels move around

When sewing on patches or quilt labels, don't let pins get in your way. Use this tip for a no-fuss way to make sure that patch/label goes on straight the first time.

The Fix: Give it a little Spray!

Spray Baste products (such as 505 spray, Sullivan's Quilt Baste, or my personal favorite — June Tailor Quilt Basting Spray) make this job easy. Simply spray the back lightly, then position on your garment or quilt. The item will stay in place as you stitch and you won't have to mess with pins being in your way!

The Problem: A Loose Thimble

Is your thimble sliding around too much? Here's a nifty little tip that will have your thimble fitting snug as a bug.

The Fix: Grippy Gloves

Take an old pair of latex or rubber gloves and cut off the fingertips. (Old rubber gardening gloves with those textured fingers work really well for this!) Next time you use your thimble, first position one of the glove fingertips over your finger before you put on your thimble. Instant grip!

- 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

July 2, 2024

Meeting was opened by Sue Zabell at 10:01. There were 30 attendees, no guests.

PROGRAM

Cindy Grisdela gave an interesting and inspiring talk about her journey from traditional quilting to art quilting. She showed many beautiful quilts, and gave some guidance about her process. Check out her website CindyGrisdela.com; she gave a discount for classes **Cindy15** which is good until July 20. Look for her on Instagram as well [@CindyGrisdelaQuilts](https://www.instagram.com/CindyGrisdelaQuilts).

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes: 1st Beth Aitken, 2nd Sylvia Lutz

Birthdays for this month Debbie Court was not present, read by Cindy Christenson
Happy Birthday to all!

Budget Report - Sue McBride
Checking \$9238.49, Savings \$5336.23, Total \$14,574.72

Programs

Global Quilt Connections sampler is Sept. 28-29, do we want to do it? There was a positive response.

August 6 in person – The program will be member demos similar to the program on quilt labels.

There will be 4 or 5 different demos.

September 3 in person – Diane Knott "Strip Quilt Secrets" There will also be a class after the meeting, with more info to come.

October 1 – Patty Murphy

Please continue working on your raffle blocks and challenge quilt.



Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes – cont.
July 2, 2024

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

Community Service - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

There will be an in person sew-in on July 30. Doors open 9:30, bring lunch and snacks.
306 pillowcases have been donated.

If you don't want to sew a pillowcase, donations of Color Catcher sheets and quart size Ziploc bags are also welcome.

Membership - Barbara Means – We remain at 83 members.

Newsletter - Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson – The deadline is Friday 24. Earlier is great!
Send to both Sarah and Cindy. Anyone can submit an article, tips and tricks are welcome!

Red Top 2025 - Jill Kirkland/Nancy Klump are close to picking a theme! They will send out emails to those who have volunteered. The first meeting will be in August after the General Meeting. Signups will begin in September.

Sunshine - Becky Lynn – Robin Ranallo has injured her foot. No other news.

ZOOM- Sit=N-Sew - Kate McKenney – There will be 2 more Zoom Sit and Sews this month.

Show and Tell

Kim Ayers

Make sure you have sent your pictures to Kim

Door Prizes - Jill Kirkland/Nancy Klump – Leigh Ann Kloefkorn and Roxanne each won a \$25 gift card to Tiny Stitches.

Closed at 11:33 by Sue Zabell
Submitted by Sue McBride



Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Minutes

July 16, 2024 via Zoom

President

Sue Zabell

Meeting opened at 10:00

Treasurer's Report

Sue McBride

Total in Checking	\$8,738.49
Total in Savings	\$5,336.27
Total Balance	\$14,074.76
General Fund	\$6,294.45

Vice President

Beth Aitken

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

August – Member program – three stations: paper piecing, applique (turned and raw-edge), and embellishments. Beth will be out of town so team will be managing.

September – 9/28 and 29 – Global Quilt Connection for all members at no cost

September = Diane Knott – Strip quilt secrets; she will be selling her book; and, there will be workshop in the afternoon. Project/details TBD.

Committee Chair Reports

Archivist

Celeste Sheldt

All is good.

Awards

Vicki Evaristo

All is good.

Birthday Club

Debbie Court

Debbie Court will not be able to attend for the next 2 months. Another member will be filling in for her.

BOM

Danielle Morgan

Update is complete for newsletter.

Bylaws

Jan Wood

It was suggested that we refine how funds are allocated for deceased family members within the Sunshine Committee. Group agreed to include children of a member. It was determined that this was in Policies and Procedures for the Sunshine Chair and not in Bylaws.

Communication

Nancy Draheim

All is good.

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Minutes – cont.

July 16, 2024 via Zoom

Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

Next in-person is 7/30 at Roberts School from 10 – close. Bring lunch and snack to share. Barbara will be there to receive pillowcases.

Door Prizes

Jill Kirkland/ Nancy Klump

All is good.

Food Pantry

Treasurer (Sue McBride)

Contributions will resume when we begin attending in person in August.

Hostess

Roxanne Santini

There was a brief discussion about eliminating this position, however the group determined that this role went beyond food but to set-up and tear down for meetings. Position will remain but description will be reviewed and amended to reflect current responsibilities.

Membership

Barbara Means

83 Members – Chair will be insisting that members complete a form for the new year as this will provide updates for emails, phones, emergency contacts, etc. It was determined that emergency contact will not be distributed to entire membership, but only Board members, and Red Top leadership.

Newsletter-Due Date 7/24

Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson

Photographer

Monique Byrne

No report given.

Red Top 2025

Nancy Klump/Jill Kirkland

Theme will be announced at the August meeting. Emails have been sent to those who volunteered to assist with the Retreat; Sign=up will be in September; stash mountain is a TBD.

Special Projects

No report given; leadership needed.

Sunshine

Becky Lynn

Debbie Court's husband's treatments; Becky Lynn's Dad's surgery, and sadly, the death of Paula Grigsby's son. Please keep all in your thoughts.

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Minutes – cont.
July 16, 2024 via Zoom

Webmaster

No report given.

Kim Ayers

Zoom

All is good.

Kate McKenney, Cindy Christenson, Kim Ayers, Nancy Draheim

ZOOM Sit-N-Sew

All is good. Next Zoom is 7/23.

Kate McKenney

President:

Discussion: Please be thinking about if you want to keep or drop your current job for next year. If you know for sure, please let her know. Sue Z will be sending out Duties and Responsibilities to all Board Members and Chairs for review. Please respond asap.

Sue will not be acting as President in 2025. New candidates are needed; Sue McBride will be heading the Nominating Committee.

Meeting was closed at approximately 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Baumgartel
Secretary

