



# Allatoona Quilters' Guild

*February 2026*

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

*All Meetings start at 10:00*



First Tuesdays - General Meeting  
Second Tuesdays --Sit and Sew  
Third Tuesdays - Board Meeting- ZOOM  
Fourth Tuesdays - Block of the Month  
Fifth Tuesdays-- Community Service Sew-in



## 2026 AQG CALENDAR

- ▶ ● **February 3-** Mary Zesiger, “Gift of a Mother’s Hands”
- ▶ ● Turn in UFO list
- ▶ ● **March 3-** Elaine Poplin, “Something from Nothing”
- ▶ ● Class “OUTSPOKEN” after program
- ▶ ● First UFO Challenge due
- ▶ ● Red Top Retreat March 9-13
- ▶ ● **April 7-** TBD
- ▶ ● Announce VP Challenge
- ▶ ● **May 5-** TBD
- ▶ ● **June 2-** Red Top Social
- ▶ ● **July 7-** TBD probably zoom
- ▶ ● **August 4-** Get Ready for the Holidays
- ▶ ● **September 1-** Dianna Quinn on Southeast Fiber Arts Association
- ▶ ● **October 6-** Tara Miller, “Mixing Prints”
- ▶ ● Full day “Legacy Wheel” class **October 20**
- ▶ ● **November 3-** Block Lotto Finale, UFO Prizes, VP Reveal
- ▶ ● **December 1-** Community Service Presentations, Acworth Police

# PROGRAMS 2026- DARYL MILLER

## FEBRUARY MEETING

### **Sentimental Stories: From a Mother's Hand**



This month we welcome Mary Zesiger for a sentimental story “From a Mother’s Hand.”

Mary travels from Ohio and is a traditional quilter, National Quilting Association Quilt Teacher, and NQA Judge and Masterpiece Judge, most recently judging at the Asheville 2025 show.

We would like you to add your own sentimental touches to the February Valentines season, so pick a treasured “heart string” to show and tell this month.

COMING IN MARCH

“Something from Nothing” with Elaine Poplin

THE MESSY GOAT QUILTER

who will join us for her program “Something from Nothing.” She is a retired math teacher and modern quilter who joins us from Huntsville in coordination with the Chattahoochee Evening Stars Guild.

Elaine will be teaching her improv lettering class “OUTSPOKEN” after the meeting. See the attached flyer for more information and see her website here: <http://messygoat.com/>

The class originally advertised as \$50 is now correctly listed as \$25 and there is a max of 20 in the class, so reservations and money will be taken at the February meeting.



## President's News!

### Shelly Jones

February is the month of Love and St. Valentine's Day. I received a timely email from Love Quilts USA. They are a group of Cross-stitch enthusiasts who receive cross stitch blocks from around the USA and have them sewn into quilts then given to a child with a life-threatening illness. They are seeking quilters to help them in this endeavor. For more details see the article/attachment of their brochure and their Volunteer Overview document.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our General Meeting on February 3rd when we are asking you to bring a show and tell of a sentimental fiber piece that you would like to show and perhaps tell us about.

I have been having a lot of fun this month working on a Comfort quilt that I hope to have finished and show. This one was an effort to use up scraps from a previous Comfort quilt. I played with the pieces making various blocks with different methods and ended up with a "row" quilt. I am really happy with the arrangement and colors.

I hope all of you are joining in on the BOM for this year. My fabric has been selected and assigned their position on the fabric chart. I cannot wait to begin.

See you all soon,  
Shelly



(SEE ATTACHED PDFs for "LOVE QUILTS USA")

# VICE PRESIDENT'S NEWS



## UFO Challenge 2026

The UFO Challenge is back this year by popular demand! It's hard to believe we have any UFOs left after all the years we have done the challenge! But as long as new fabric and patterns come out, there will always be new UFOs!

The Challenge will begin in February, with the first UFO due at the March 3rd General Meeting. There will be 8 months, with the last one due at the October 6 General Meeting.

You do not have to have a project due every month.

You can show them earlier and still get credit.

Please remember to let me know during Show and Tell if it is a UFO Challenge.

You decide in which order the projects will be done.

You can break a larger project into several months (blocks, assembly, quilt, bind, etc.)

It can be a new project you have been wanting to start.

Yes, there will be prizes at the November meeting.

Remember, the goal of the UFO Challenge is to help you get stuff finished, so do what works for you.

You can email your list to me, Sue McBride ([suzyqu77@aol.com](mailto:suzyqu77@aol.com)) or give it to Daryl at the February meeting.

Please reach out to me with any questions.

## PROPOSED BY LAWS CHANGE

### By-Laws Change

We would like to make a change to the by-laws regarding VP duties.

We have discussed that the VP job is made easier by the addition of a Programs committee, who would then be responsible for finding outside guest speakers for General Meeting programs and related classes.

The VP would be a member of the programs committee. The VP would be responsible for member/inhouse programs such as UFO challenge, Block exchange, VP challenge, Ice Cream social, Auction, etc.

Another hope is that the shift in duties would make it easier to find the next VP.

I would like to suggest a change to Article VI, Duties of the Officers, Section 2  
from:

The Vice President shall serve as Chair of the Program Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

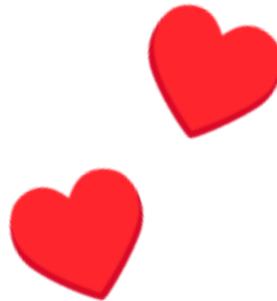
to:  
The Vice President shall be a member of the Programs Committee and also coordinate member/inhouse events and programs.

The VP shall also perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter.

Questions, please contact Sue McBride, Shelly Jones, or Daryl Miller.



Sara Angilello 2/2  
Sherry Richardson 2/10  
Debbie Court 2/11  
Karen Gilbreath 2/12  
Kathy Zimmer 2/12  
Debra Crane 2/13  
Dottie Duvall 2/17  
Malinda Thomas 2/27



Happy Birthday to all,

Debbie Court

**Don't forget to get your Fat Quarter  
at the next in-person meeting!**

# RED TOP RETREAT IS COMING!!



Our 2026 Red Top theme is  
*Celebrating America*

## Red Top Retreat Update

Ladies, it is less than 45 days until we meet at Red Top Mountain!  
Who's ready?

## Red Top Quilts

We have two different quilts to choose from this year.

**Majestic Mountains:** Make either a 36"x48" wall hanging or a 72"x96" throw. A pattern must be purchased, and Beth has contacted the designer who has offered a discount. The details were emailed to all attendees on January 24, so please check your email.



**Fourth of July** is a free pattern from [Quiltville.com](http://Quiltville.com).

Completed size is 72"x60"

Click the link below for the instructions.

[Quiltville's Quips & Snips!:: Fourth Of July!](#)

## RED TOP RETREAT GAMES

We will be playing 3 games;  
all games are optional.

### You will need:

-1 yard of fabric to swap,  
place fabric in a brown paper bag



-9 Fat Quarters - (3 red on red, 3 white on white and 3 blue on blue)



-Favorite pattern - pick your favorite pattern from a book, photocopy it, put your name on it and give to Tippi Healea or Deb Seely at February meeting or at Red Top.

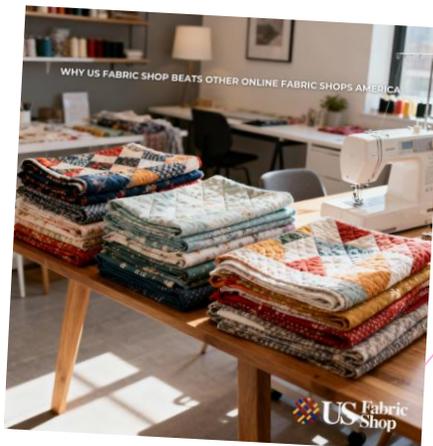
# SCRAP MOUNTAIN IS COMING!

- ▶ Scrap Mountain at Red Top Mountain Retreat
- ▶ Scrap Mountain is making another appearance at Red Top. We are accepting quilt-store quality cotton scraps and yardage. Minimum size is 3 inches by 3 inches.
- ▶ Please, no pins!
- ▶ Scraps will not be accepted at the February meeting—just bring them to retreat with you. If you are not attending the retreat, you may bring them to the March meeting. Leave your bags of scraps with Barbara Means or Leigh Ann Kloefkorn.



Thank you!

Barb and Leigh Ann



# UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

## Palmetto Quilt Guild Presents Welcome to Paradise Quilt Festival March 20 - 22, 2026

Hilton Head Beach &  
Tennis Resort, Folly Field  
Rd., HILTON HEAD SC

Features of Festival:  
over 150 Quilts  
displayed, Boutique  
items, Vendors, Quilt  
Appraiser, Raffle Quilt,  
Silent Auction and more

Admission \$15 adult for  
multi day; under 18 free

Fri & Sat 10a - 5p  
Sun 10a- 2p



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Do you need to get those quilt tops complete?

We have several Long Arm Quilters in AQG that can help!



### AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

**Cindy Christenson 770-598-5751**  
email: [mycountryquilting@gmail.com](mailto:mycountryquilting@gmail.com)

**Jan Cox 678-982-4326**  
email: [janicecox01@gmail.com](mailto:janicecox01@gmail.com)

**Jill Kirkland 404-936-7140**  
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Please contact them personally with any questions and pricing information.