



Allatoona Quilters' Guild

Feb 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Meetings start at 10:00

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

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

Meeting Dates:

February 4 - General Meeting 10:00 at Summit Baptist Church
4310 Moon Station Lane, Acworth

February 11 - Sit and Sew, 10:00 at Roberts School

February 18 - Executive Board meeting 10:00 ZOOM

February 25 - Block of the Month 10:00 at Roberts School

Pay by Zelle

AQGbanking@yahoo.com

*****The February 4 General Meeting will be at the Summit Baptist Church**, due to unavailability of Roberts School. See address above. This church is where we donate our food bank money. We will meet in the school building, to the right of the church as you face it. You can park in the lot closest to it. Suzie Callendar will have to let us in. Please enter quietly, as the students will be in school.

February Program

FEB 4

**Mary Zesiger will provide us a lecture on “ A Walk Down Memory Lane “. After that, she will have a workshop.
”Let’s Start at the End, a binding class”**

[Mary Zesiger](#)



February Program (Continued)

Mary has been Quilting since 1980 and has been a member of the national Quilting Association for 28 years. She became a certified teacher through the national Quilting association in 1991 and has been judging since 1996 local and regional shows. Mary has several other accolades to add to her list, so you can see we are lucky to have her here to share her wealth of knowledge.

Not only will she share all her tips and tricks on how to have a beautiful flat binding but also has a unique way of joining binding strips together.

I hope many of you will consider taking Mary's class. please let me know in advance so I can have Mary make up enough packets to hand out for you all to take home.

Cost is \$35 for the class.

So PLEASE let me know if you are able to make the March Binding class. Email me at moveinalong@comcast.net.

Stay warm,

Your program committee

Here is the supply list:

Let's Start At The End

Supply List

Binding is just as important as any other design area on your quilt. It should receive just as much care and planning as all other design areas. Thread color should match or blend with the binding fabric and be stitched with small, tight, and invisible appliqué stitches. It is the only step in quilting that does not lead to another step; every stitch is one stitch closer to the END.

can buy pre-quilted fabric

You will need:

- 1.) **One yard of pre-quilted fabric** - with fabric on both sides, NOT the nylon mesh on the underside. Pre-quilted fabric in solid colors is usually a little cheaper than nice print fabrics on both sides. (We will be making binding samples with several different edge finishes.)
- 2.) **One half yard 100 % cotton fabric** that coordinates well with quilted fabric (for binding)
- 3.) **One fat quarter, in a contrasting color 100% cotton** (for Prairie Points and flange)
- 4.) **Rotary Cutting Equipment:**
 - a.) Self healing rotary mat
 - b.) Rotary Cutter with extra blade
 - c.) 24 x 6 inch acrylic ruler
 - d.) 12 ½ inch square acrylic rotary ruler
- 5.) **Sewing machine** in good working order that you are familiar with using
 - a.) Sewing machine electric cord
 - b.) Foot pedal
 - c.) Bobbin pre wound with thread color to match binding fabric
 - d.) Extra sewing machine needles
 - e.) Quilting foot or Even-feed foot that fits your machine
 - f.) Power strip and extension cord
- 6.) **Thread** - Thread color to match the binding fabric color
- 7.) **Basic Sewing Kit-**
 - a.) Needles - (Sharps size 9 or 10)
 - b.) Small scissors
 - c.) Glass head quilting pins
- 8.) **Optional**
 - a.) Comfortable seat cushion
 - b.) Additional light

prior to class: Please cut - 2 - 14 x 14 inch squares from the pre-quilted fabric

President's News!

Weather reminder:

We follow the Cobb County school schedule. If they close, we don't have an in-person meeting. We will send out an email as soon as we know if school is canceled, so please check your email before heading out if there is any possibility of bad weather (or if it's really cold). You can also check here [Cobb County School District](#)



President's News

This month is all about LOVE! And we sure LOVE quilting! We make quilts for people we love, whether they are friends, family, or strangers (Community Service), to show how much we care for them. But it's also self-love, benefitting us as well. As we enjoy this hobby, we learn new things, keep our brains active, socialize with others, exercise patience, indulge creativity, achieve calm when we need it, and get energized with new projects! Let's enjoy, embrace, and be thankful for this awesome hobby!



Vice President's News

Beth Aitken

March

Upcoming Programs:

**The March Meeting has been changed from the quilt tag sale. We are still going to have the sale and will announce new date soon.

Debbie Johnson will present her button collection. She's been a collector for 25+ years.



Red Top Games:

For right, left, center Fat Quarter game, we will be using the following genres:

3 solids in different colors, three different polka dot fabrics, and three different low volume fabrics.

For the white elephant game: bring 1 yard of current quilt shop quality fabric. Make it one you would love to steal, makes for a more fun game!





Community Service



Ladybugs,

"The time to be happy is now, the place to be happy is here, the way to be happy is to make others so." (Robert Green Ingersoll)

What better way to be happy, and to share that happiness with others, is with a comfort quilt or a pillowcase!

Mark your calendars, our 2025 Community Service dates are April 29, July 29, September 30 and December 30. (Details will follow closer to the day.) Thank you for supporting Community Service...you are AWESOME!

Carolyn Shea, Lead

Barbara Means, Pillowcases

Jill Kirkland, Kitty Beds

Year to Date:

Quilts - 13

Pillowcases - 37

Kitty Beds - 24



December 2024

Dear Allatoona Quilters Guild Members:



As 2024 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 2024, the 'Case For Smiles' Georgia Chapter delivered a total of 8,170 pillowcases to 12 hospitals throughout the state. Pillowcases were also delivered to the local Ronald McDonald Houses, and Cobb County Senior Services. To date, the Georgia Chapter has delivered 80,500+ 'smiles'. Nationwide, over 2.9 million pillowcases have been delivered since 2007.

Pillowcase donations to local hospitals would not be possible without your continued support. A total of 1,094 pillowcases were made and donated by AQG members. A special callout to the following members for donating 25 or more pillowcases: Debbie Court, Malinda Thomas, Roxanne Santini, Jan Wood, Kim Ayers, Dawn Daniel, Jeanne Hayden, Leigh Ann Kloefkorn, Sandy Nelson, Celeste Sheldt, and Sue Zabell. Deb Cannizzaro, Barb Levan and Carolyn Shea went above and beyond the call of duty and made 100+ pillowcases. In addition, several of you donated fabric, color catchers and quart size zip lock bags. **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 2025, the Chapter needs boy and holiday (July 4th, Halloween, Hanukkah and Christmas) pillowcases.

Celebrating
FEBRUARY
Birthdays

Debbie Court	2/11
Karen Gilbreath	2/12
Kathy Zimmer	2/12
Cindy Deucher	2/16
Dottie Duvall	2/17
Malinda Thomas	2/27



Happy Birthday to all,

Debbie Court

RED TOP NEWS

Hi Ladies!

In just over 6 weeks, we will be living the life at Red Top! It will be here before you know it! Keep an eye out for emails from us with important/helpful information.

There was a fantastic turn out for the Drunkards Path demo put on by Sue McBride and Sue Baumgartel! We are so looking forward to see all the designs everyone comes up with!

Drunkard's Path quilt block info

Here are the links to the templates I used at the sit and sew:

[Amazon.com : Kigley 3 Set Drunkards Path Quilting Templates 10" 8" 6" Quilting Templates for Cutting Patterns Large Quilting Rulers and Templates with 1/4" Seam Allowance Quilt Supplies for DIY Craft \(Green\) : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](#)
[CutRite Slit 'N Sew Drunkard's Path 8 Inch Finished Template Set](#)

As mentioned earlier, you can easily use a cardboard template instead of purchasing the acrylic ones.

Suggested yardage for the Sunshine quilt, made as pictured with finished 6" squares instead of their finished 4" squares:

Quarter square circles (as shown in colors) and pieced squares border: 3 1/2 yards

Background corners and inner border (as shown in black) : 3 yards

The quilt that I showed that I made, I used the 8" template, and trimmed block to 6 1/2" after sewing.

Cutting tips using these sizes:

Cut 6 1/2" squares of the colors, then use the template to cut the curve.

For the background corner pieces, I cut 8" x 11" rectangles, then used the template to cut 2 pieces that kind of nested.

GAMES MATERIAL: SEE list under MARCH NEWS

AQG Recipe Corner



NO PEEK OVEN BEEF STEW

2 lbs. beef in 1 1/2 cubes
2 medium onions cut in wedges
2 celery stalks cut in 2-inch lengths
3 potatoes cut in large chunks
4 carrots cut in 2-inch lengths
1 cup tomato sauce, soup or V8
1/3 cup quick cooking Tapioca

1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 pepper
1/2 teaspoon basil
1 cup red wine

Combine all ingredients in a 2 1/2-quart casserole. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 4 hours at 300 degrees. Stir occasionally.

Serves 8

AUTHOR NOTE- I've used this recipe for years and its wonderful! My family doesn't like tomatoes, so I substitute a can of beef broth. I like mushrooms, so I toss in a cup or two of clean, whole mushrooms. Yum! AND effortless cooking!

Bernice Peterson



TIPS AND TRICKS CORNER



Ever wondered how avid sewers keep their pins and needles sharp and shiny? No, they don't run out and buy new ones with every project.

You can use steel wool as a pin cushion to keep needles and pins sharp and working great for years. The next time you make a new pin cushion, just use steel wool as the stuffing. If you add rice, it will make your pin cushion much fuller and help to absorb any moisture from your pins.

You can also use Silica Sand that will help keep pins sharp.



AQG Longarm Quilters available

We have several AQG members that can help you finish your quilt. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson to be added to the list.

Cindy Christenson 770-598-5751
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Jill Kirkland 404-936-7140
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Please contact them personally with any questions and pricing information.