

Allatoona Quilters' Guild

February 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

- February 6 General Meeting IN PERSON
- February 13 Sit and Sew ZOOM
- February 20 Executive Board ZOOM – all are welcome
- February 27 Sit and Sew/Special Projects IN PERSON

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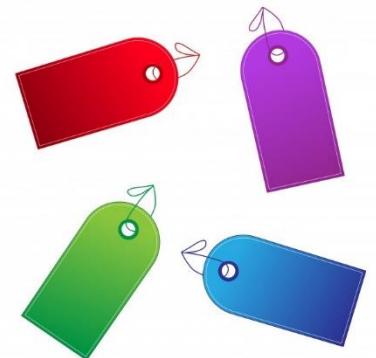
President's News! Sue Zabell



Love takes on different meanings to different people. Love of a spouse, love of a child, love of a pet. Or love of quilting. When I make a quilt, I very rarely sew without a reason. I have to know where or to whom the quilt is going. Maybe that's so I can put my love into it. A pillowcase for a child, a comfort quilt for a child or a quilt for a loved one. There is love in each thing we make.

February Program

ALL ABOUT LABELS!



Vice President's News

Beth Aitken



Greetings from your Program Committee!

1. At our February general meeting we will have a lecture on labels followed by demos.
2. Remember to bring your UFO for February. The UFO program this year will be your choices starting with your least time-consuming project.
3. We will be selling the fat quarters for \$3.50 for those that would like to participate in the block exchange program.
4. Please visit just get it done quilts to help organize and clean out your sewing studio. This will be a great thing to do so that you can get ready for the auction in April. Look for the declutter challenge.
5. On March 16, national Quilting day, there will be a program on zoom that you can sign up for at QuiltingwithLori.com. It will be from 1 to 3 in the afternoon with a charge of \$25. She says get your scraps out, rotary cutter, ironing station, and she will teach you how to organize your scraps. Sounds like a program we could all use!

That's it for now you Quilting rock stars!

Your program committee!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Did you know that in 1988 we started wearing guild nametags to meetings or else pay a fine of 25 cents?



Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Vicki Evaristo, Jill Kirkland

Welcome to 2024 and another year of Community Service. I would like to share some reminders as we start the new year.

COMFORT QUILTS - make the quilts bright and cheerful. They cannot be bigger than a twin as they are given to kids, and adults in assisted living or nursing homes. Make sure a label is sewn on the back of the quilt. When donating them, please pin your name to the quilt. Questions or need labels, contact cacatinella@gmail.com

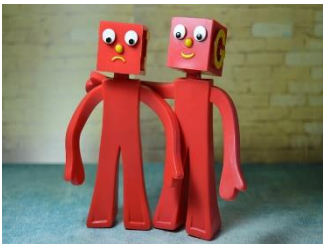
PILLOWCASES - make them bright and cheerful. They must be washed in unscented, clear detergent. Iron them and put them in a clean, quart size baggie. Directions for the "hot dog" or "burrito" pillowcases can be found on our website AQGuild.org. Questions, please contact barbarameans@comcast.net

KITTY BEDS - we will be donating to two shelters: **Etowah Valley Humane Society**: They require the beds to be 11 x 16 1/2. **Cherokee County Humane Society**: Make them 15" square. Please put the name of the shelter on the bag where they are to be donated; your choice. Questions, please contact jillklump@comcast.net

We will have several Community Service Days during the year when we meet in person. The first meeting is Tuesday, January 30th at Roberts School. Since we will be in a small classroom, you may want to consider bringing handwork rather than your sewing machines. If you bring a machine you won't be able to use an extra table. Thank you for supporting Community Service

Carolyn Shea
Chair





Red Top 2024: Reflections

Daryl Miller & Kate McKenney

Buddy System



Our 2024 Red Top Reflections Retreat is less than 7 weeks away! We have been very busy getting organized and lots of emails with information about the dates and location and some general things to bring along have been sent. If you have not received the emails, please reach out and let us know.

We have tried to identify any first-time attendees and have assigned a seasoned Red Top attendee to make sure that all of your questions, concerns or wants are answered. If you want a buddy and have not been contacted, let either one of us know - many want to help make this a great week for you.

We are asking everyone to try to touch base at the next in person meeting (or anywhere else) with your buddy to get acquainted before the week starts.

Red Top Quilt

The optional Red Top quilt this year will be Ricky Tim's Kool Kaleidoscope. Everyone is welcome to watch the series of 4 free video's is available on YouTube starting with [Ricky Tims Kool Kaleidoscope #1](#). Check it out!

Red Top Games

Bring the 3 B's:

3 Black and White Fat Quarters (real white, not cream she says...), 3 Batik Fat Quarters and 3 Blender Fat Quarters (those tiny prints that look like a solid when you step back).

A favorite notion in the \$15 range

RECIPE CORNER

Blueberry Yum Yum (Diane Chestnut)

- 1 cup crushed Graham crackers
- 1 stick butter (melted)
- 1 package cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 cans pie filling (any flavor)
- 1 tub Cool Whip



Mix graham crackers & melted butter. Spread evenly on bottom of pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 5-10 minutes until golden brown. Allow to cool.

Mix powdered sugar & cream cheese until as smooth as possible. After crust is cooled, spread cream cheese mix than pie filling on top. Last spread cool whip on top and cool in refrigerator so cream cheese will thicken.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY!

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



Membership Barb Means

We currently have 76 members including one new member, Linda Burkes. Linda was a member years ago and decided to rejoin!

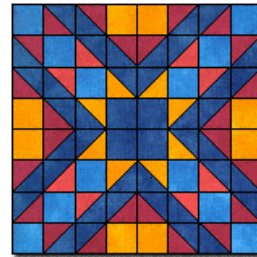
2024 AQG Medallion Quilt Danielle Morgan



So by now I'm sure you've learned that we are doing something different this year. Five examples of 16 1/2" blocks were shown at the January meeting and the links for each are below. Feel free to pick the block you like, and if you want to appliqué or anything else, go for it.

Fabric Requirements:

- 20 Fat Quarters or 40 Fat Eighths
- 4 yards of background fabric
- 1 yard outer border of focus fabric



Could you decide to pull fabrics from your stash for each border? Absolutely.

16" Block Suggestions:

Examples of these five patterns were displayed at the January meeting. These links are from Quilters Cache, it is the biggest collection of block instructions I know, but I will say I don't always like how they put things together. Feel free to make your block as you choose, the only true requirement is that it measure 16.5" square when you are done!

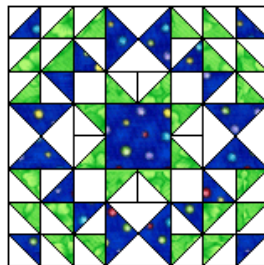
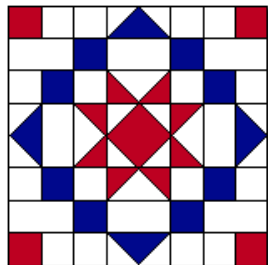
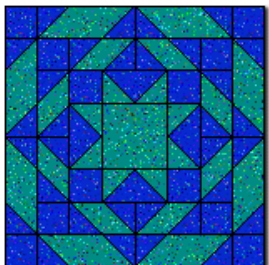
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LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

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
January 2, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Sue Zabell

Opened meeting @ 10:01 am

Any first time Guests?

Linda Burks (new member)

Cindy Christenson's Daughter and Grand Daughter (visiting from Japan)

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes

1st Doreen Clink

2nd Jill Kirkland

Birthdays for this month

Debbie Loizzo

Happy Birthday to all!!!!

1 - 4 Cathy Elliott 1 - 20 Danielle Morgan 1 - 21 Laura Vargas 1 - 23 Jeanne Hayden 1 - 25 Celeste Sheldt 1 - 29 Debbie Loizzo 1 - 30 Jacque Hodges 1 - 30 Patricia Freeman

General Meeting Items

Programs 2024

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

Feb. – Labels Introduction; Workshop

April – Auction; proceeds to Guild

V.P. Challenge – Theme will be Reflections

B.O.M. – Blue/Cream “Cascade”

U.F.O. - Mak your list; it will be an honor system. February #1

Budget Report

Sue McBride

Checking \$15,542.91

Savings \$ 5,335.95

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

Archivist

Celeste Sheldt

Receives all items to be preserved

BOM

Danielle Morgan

Shown R.T. project; finished 2023 BOM; Medallion Quilt for 2024 and borders.

BY Laws

Jan Wood

No changes

General Meeting Minutes continued

Communications

Nancy Draheim

No report

Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

Comfort quilts should be Bright Colors (no bigger than a twin); Pillowcases – 1157

Comm. Service Tues. Jan.30th; Pillowcases – Kits available; Kitty Beds – on hold.

Read Newsletter for updates.

Door Prize

Nancy Klump/Jill Kirkland

All good

Hostess

Roxanne Santini

Setting up chairs for General Meetings

Membership

Barbara Means

70 Renewals

Newsletter

Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson

Any articles can be submitted.

Red Top 2024

Daryl Miller/Kate McKenney

Meeting Jan.16th after Executive Board Meeting

Final Payment

Beth Aiken – Games are L/R/C (blk & White; Batiks and Blenders). Bag Game and Dancer/Exercise

Sit and Sew

Zoom (Kate McKenney)

Jan 9th In-Person

Special Projects

Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini

YoYo Pillow – Instruction on yoyo making with green yoyo maker today.

Sunshine

Becky Lynn

Sends out cards to members.

Michelle doing well.

Webmaster

Kim Ayers

No Report

Zoom Keepers

Kate McKenney, Cindy Christenson, Nancy

Draheim, Kim Ayers

No report

General Meeting Minutes continued

BREAK – Buy your Door Prize tickets

Program -EST

Barbara Means, Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

Show and Tell

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

Door Prizes

Klump/ Jill Kirkland

Nancy

Close @ 11:40 am

Sue Zabell

AFTER MEETING Melinda and Roxanne will give a short class in the kitchen on how to make a yo-yo.

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Acting Secretary

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024 via Zoom

President

Sue Zabell

Welcomed attendees; meeting called to order at 10:00.

Treasurer's Report

Sue McBride

Current month's Report

Checking: \$17,455.73 Savings: \$5,336.00 Total: \$22,791.73

Food Pantry Sent: \$68.00

Red Top: \$8,487.59

Vice President

Programs

Beth Aitken

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

February: Labels Lecture/Demo

March: Open/TBD

April: AQG Auction

Subsequent programs are in the works and will be added to the newsletter later in the year.

Committee Chair Reports

Archivist

All is fine.

Celeste Sheldt

Awards

All is fine: good supply

Vicki Evaristo

Birthday Club

Cards being sent each month.

Debbie Loizzo

BOM

Received good feedback from Newsletter article describing program.

Danielle Morgan

Bylaws

Jan unable to attend.

Jan Wood

Communication

Nancy not in attendance.

Nancy Draheim

Community Service

Next community service January 30.

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means

Door Prizes

Have good supply of patterns to offer with prizes.

Jill Kirkland/ Nancy Klump

Food Pantry

\$68.00 sent from last meeting.

Treasurer (Sue McBride)

Executive Board Minutes continued

Hostess Roxanne Santini

All is fine; nothing to report.

Membership Barbara Means

75 have renewed; calls have been made to past members who have not renewed. Arlena's address included in membership so members can continue to communicate with her.

Newsletter-Due Date Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson

Articles due January 19; please send to both Sarah and Cindy.

Photographer Monique Byrne

Monique not in attendance; provided all January GM photos to Kim for website.

Red Top 2024 Daryl Miller/ Kate McKenney

49 confirmed attendees.

Communications sent to attendees: information on Kaleidoscope project; supplies list.

Meeting to be held after today's meeting.

"Buddies" assigned to those who volunteered in 2023 survey.

Special Projects Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini

Melinda confirmed that yo-yo project will move to next month as January meeting was cancelled.

Projects will continue to be monthly.

Sunshine Becky Lynn

Becky shared that there have been challenges with illness in her own family; both parents now home and doing well; Marywallis is only other member she is aware of that is having difficulty. Michelle Bunker thanked the group for cards and calls.

Webmaster Kim Ayers

Calendar was moved up to be more visible; non-renewing members were deleted; pictures from January were added. All else fine.

ZOOM Kate McKenney Cindy Christenson, Kim Ayers,
Nancy Draheim

All is fine.

ZOOM Sit-n-Sews Kate McKenney

All is fine.

Executive Board Minutes continued

Other Discussion: I would like to put out a survey. Points of interest: raising dues by \$5 for 2025., keeping the sew ins the way they are or going to two in person per month, possibly adding an in person sew in on a day other than a Tuesday.

Discussion highlights:

- Dues will remain as they are now; may be reviewed in future.
- Beth will do query via newsletter or survey re: programs
- Sew-ins will remain on Tuesdays; no change in schedule
- In person Community Service sew-ins: suggest handwork as space will be limited in smaller rooms. Put this suggestion in the Newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00.