



Allatoona Quilters' Guild

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Meetings start at 10:00

January 2025

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| January 7 | General Meeting - Robert's School |
| January 14 | Sit and Sew, Drunkards Path
demo/planning - Robert's School |
| January 21 | Executive Board ZOOM - All Welcome |
| January 28 | Block of the Month - Robert's School |

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President's News!
Sue McBride

Happy 2025!!

**Happy
New Year!**

A new year is always so exciting!

Will your new year's resolutions be to finish some UFOs?

Or will they be to try something new? Personally, I think a little of each is best. It's hard to resist the thrill of a new project!

Our mission statement for the guild is to promote and perpetuate the art of quilting, and to promote it by sponsoring workshops and exhibits. I hope you will attend and enjoy our various programs and try a class or 2.

I am looking forward to my (one) year as President, please don't hesitate to contact me by email, phone or text with your suggestions, feedback, or any issues.

Let's make it a fabulous year!!

RED TOP RETREAT



Hello Ladies!

The final day to sign up for Red Top is the January general meeting (1/7-we have 7 openings available). Final payments for Red Top MUST be paid at this meeting (if not before). Please make sure you are current on your guild dues as well. Please keep an eye on your email as we will be sending more detailed information regarding Red Top over the next few months.

Please see the following information from our Red Top Quilt Committee for important information regarding the quilt as well as a class to help you with getting started. Please consider attending this class.

Please let Jill Kirkland or Nancy Klump know if you have any questions at all, we are here to help!

Thank you,
Jill & Nancy



Red Top Retreat (cont.)

Drunkard's Path: featured block for Red Top retreat 2025 quilt

Demo and planning session AND Sit and Sew meeting
All are welcome
January 14, Robert's school at 10:00

Bring your sewing machine so you can try out this block. It's only a 2-piece block so it goes together quickly! I will have several different templates you can use. This can easily be done with cardboard templates as well, as 2 sides can be straight cut with a rotary cutter.

I will also have fabric available to make test blocks. And remember, you don't have to commit to a large quilt to use this block! Table runners, pillows, placemats and wall hangings are a great way to give it a try!

Here are the links for the patterns of quilts that we have shown at meetings.

[Drunkard's Path - Sunshine – Jordan Fabrics](#)

[Drunkard's Path Flower Patch – Jordan Fabrics](#)

The 2 quilts in the patterns above were made with 4" finished blocks.

If you haven't done much curved piecing, I would suggest starting with a larger block, which makes the curves easier to sew. Using the same layout as above would result in a larger quilt.

Red Top Retreat (cont.)

The quilts shown at meetings have 6" finished blocks. I made them by making an 8" block and trimming to 6 ½". This makes the quarter circle a larger part of the block. I found that it was easier to do it that way than working with a very skinny background piece.

There are so many variations on arrangements for the Drunkard's Path blocks. I encourage you to look on Pinterest. The arrangement of blocks in the above quilts are lovely, but only the tip of the iceberg of what this versatile block can do!

A graceful flower [Drunkard's Path Quilt Along 2015, Fabric Options](#)

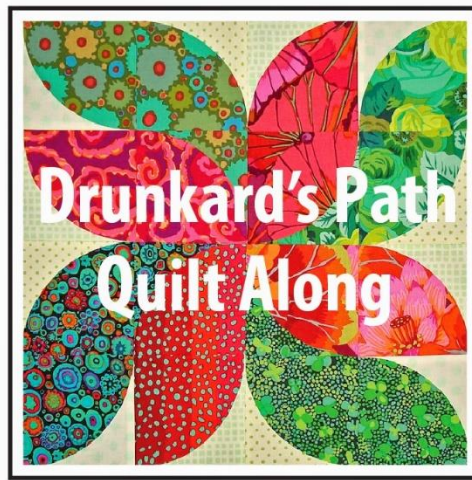
Illusion of layers [Old Mill Path Pattern in Safari Life](#)

Layout examples [Free Quilt Block Pattern: 16 Ways to Lay Out a Drunkard's Path](#)

Overlapping circles with varied backgrounds [Drunkard's Path Quilt](#)

Give it a try!!

Sue McBride, Sue Baumgartel, Kim Ayers



Vice President's News

Beth Aitken



Rockstars,

It's the start of a new year so we have lots of information for you to read about.

1. Get ready for the big reveal for our January meeting. Any project that we did as a guild can be shown at this reveal even if the project is not completed. Just show us what you have accomplished with the guild this year such as projects from classes and Red Top. Danielle has included her block of the month in this reveal.

Vice President's Challenge quilts will also be shown at this meeting and members will vote on their favorite.

2. In February Mary Zesinger will be presenting a trunk show and possibly a class. We are still going back-and-forth with that one.

3. In March, we will be having a member Tag Table Sale. Members will buy a table for \$20 and will be able to sell current fabric, kits, notions. Also, if you have gently used notions such as rulers that you are no longer using, you may sell those also.

4. UFOs: Get ready for another year of finishing up all your UFOs. In January, we will collect the list of the quilts you have picked for each month. You may list up to 10 entries. So pick some smaller projects for the beginning starting in February. You do not have to have 10 UFOs to join in the fun. If you have a very large project to finish, put that towards the end of the year, so you have time to finish it. If you would like to participate in the UFO program and are unable to attend the meeting, please email me your list.

5. We are hoping to have the fat quarters available for sale (\$3) for our annual block exchange.

Merry Christmas to all,

Your program committee,
Beth, Mary, Daryl, and Sandy





Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland



Ladybugs,

Seventeen years ago, in 2007, the Guild made their first donation to the police department; over 1,100 quilts have been donated. This year we donated over 1,000 pillowcases to Ryan's Cases for Smiles. Along with our kitty beds and bears, we have been a very busy guild.

For 2025, I am again putting out a Comfort Quilt Pledge; this is a pledge you make to yourself...there are no rules, no deadlines, just a promise.

"I pledge to make one comfort quilt for the 2025 Allatoona Quilters Guild donation to the Acworth Police Depart. If I need support in making my quilt, I will look to my fellow quilters for their help."

Thank you to all members for your kindness and generosity to the Acworth Community. It is greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to 2025. Happy New Year!

Carolyn Shea, Community Service Chair



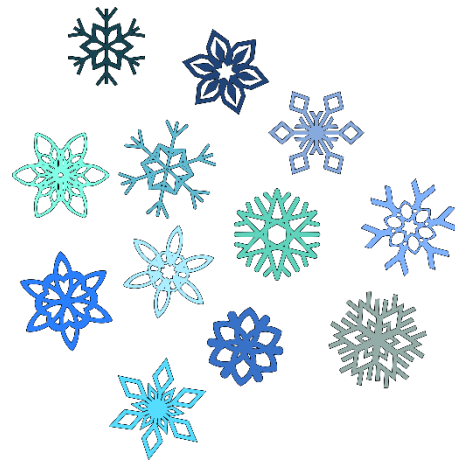
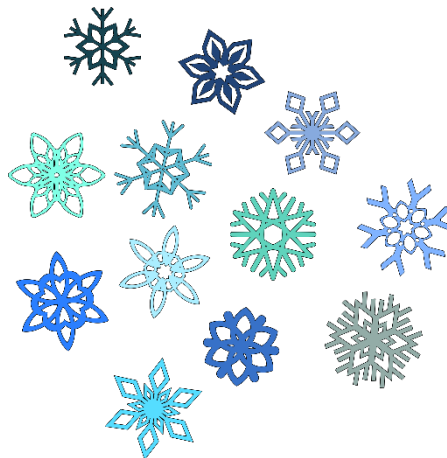
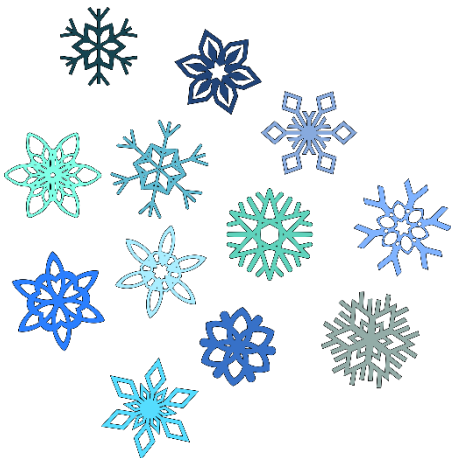


Our Ladies with January Birthdays are -

Cathy Elliott 1/4
Dianne Cannestra 1/14
Debbie Loizzo 1/29
Patricia Freeman 1/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL,

Debbie Court



Don't forget to get your Fat Quarter!

Recipe Corner



GERMAN CHOCOLATE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

- 1 box German Chocolate Cake mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 8oz pkg cream cheese
- 1 box confectioner's sugar

Spray cake pan with Pam. Sprinkle chopped pecans and shredded coconut in bottom of pan. Mix the cake according to package directions-USE ONLY 2 EGGS. Pour cake mix over pecans and coconut. Over low heat melt butter and cream cheese stirring until smooth. Pour over top of cake mix. This mixture should drop into cake during baking.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes. Glass pan takes longer to get done in the middle. TIP- use full fattening cream cheese.



BIG STITCH HAND QUILTING

(Borrowed from Create Whimsy)

What is Big Stitch Quilting

- Big Stitch Quilting is a method of hand quilting that generally uses bigger threads like perle cotton in #8 size, which then becomes a visual design element to the quilt. Sometimes people refer to Big Stitch Quilting as Utility Quilting.
- Typically stitches are 1/4 to 1/2-inch in length and become part of the design element of the quilt. Try different sizes of stitch lengths for the look you want.

Materials

- Your fabric project, ready for quilting.
- Perle Cotton in the colors you want for your quilting, such as #8 size.

Tools

- Embroidery needles for perle cotton, such as Bohin Crewel needles, or a chenille size needle. You'll want a needle with a larger eye for the heavier thread
- Thimble
- Embroidery scissors

Instructions

- Prepare your quilt top such as using basting pins to hold the quilt sandwich together.
- Thread your embroidery needle with about 25-30" of thread. If you go longer with your thread, sometimes it frays. A needle threader makes threading needles super easy. Knot your thread with the quilter's knot, with only two loops around the needle.
- If you start in the center of your quilt, you can smooth out both the top and bottom as you go. Bring your needle up from the back to the front. Gently tug the thread so that the knot 'pops' through the fabric back of the quilt. Hold the quilt and just pull the backing fabric gently so they knot 'snaps' through the back and gets layered between the backing and the batting. It might leave a hole where the fibers are separated to allow the knot to pass through. Just rub gently and the fibers go right back in place.
- There are two methods of stitching. Use the one you want for the look you want. For a more precise stitch length, use the stab method. For a more improvisational look, you can use a mix of both the stab method and the running stitch method. Use the stab method when you need to stitch through extra layers in seam allowances, and the running method when the needle is gliding through the fabric and batting.
- For the stabbing method, start by bringing your threaded needle straight up ("stabbing") through all layers from back to front. Next, 'stab' the tip of the needle back down, making the stitch length you'd like. Use the running stitch method on long, straight stretches without bulk that are easy to stitch. Rock your needle to load several stitches and pull your thread through gently. This is not as precise of a method of stitching.

<https://createwhimsy.com/projects/big-stitch-quilting/>

AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

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

