

Allatoona Quilters' Guild

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2024

All start at 10:00

- March 5 General Meeting IN PERSON
- March 12 No Zoom this week/ Red Top Retreat
- March 19 Executive Board ZOOM – all are welcome
- March 26 Sit and Sew/Special Projects IN PERSON

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President's News!

Sue Zabell

“RETREAT”

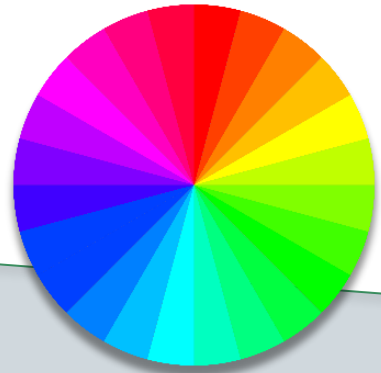
I looked up the word 'retreat'. The best definition for our purpose that I found, "a type of group getaway in which the members of that group take time to form bonds with one another". I know some people who are so busy forming bonds they don't get any sewing done. I won't mention any names!

Another definition: a period of group withdrawal. Is that what we are doing? Withdrawing from our lives for a few days? We spend all day together, eat together, play together. If you stay at a cabin, you live together.

I'm not going to Red Top, but everyone who is, have a great time withdrawing and bonding.

Sue Z

VICE PRESIDENT'S NEWS
BETH AITKEN



March Program

COLOR IN YOUR QUILT

Ben Hollingsworth will give a talk on how to use color in your quilts. If you have any samples of fabrics, you are trying to coordinate please bring them for his help. He will also have many samples of colors that work and colors that don't go together. Think scrap quilts!

His workshop will require a full day, and when I coordinate dates with him, I will put these out to the membership. Thank you all for your cooperation on this matter.

News from your VP and program committee:

UFO program



As you know this year, we are just trying to complete our UFOs and get them on the done checklist.

Please bring your UFO selection to the March meeting for Show and Tell.



VP NEWS (Cont.)

GET READY, GET SET, GO!



Remember to keep hunting for all your fabulous items you will bring to the auction in April.

We will send out the auction form via email for you to print out and fill in and bring with you for the auction. We will have some of these forms available for you if you are unable to print them. We will be available on Monday at 3 o'clock to collect, your items and put out on the tables. We will close out at 5 o'clock. If you are unable to bring them on Monday, please arrive early on Tuesday 9:00am., to Get them out on the tables.

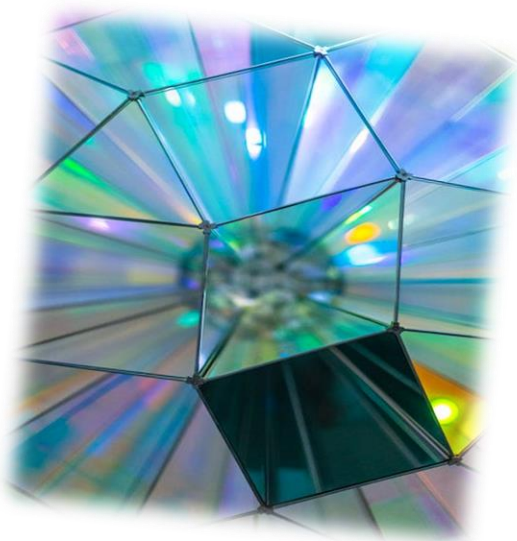
VP NEWS (Cont.)



The Global Quilt connection is on April 13 and 14th.

When I receive the links to the zooms at global quilt connection, they will be sent out by email.





The **VP challenge** quilt this year will be **REFLECTIONS**. Originally, I put a size to this, but after rethinking, make it the size you want.! We all want Quilts we can use!

The definition of reflection is the throwing back by a body or surface of light, heat, or sound without absorbing it, imagine all the possibilities!

Thanks everyone.

Your program committee



Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

Ladybugs,



Driving to my local quilt shop, I have noticed that the trees and spring flowers have been blooming. Time to get up from the sewing machines and take a walk in the beautiful weather.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

Our Spring Community Service day is Tuesday, April 30. More information to come. Thank you for all you do for Community Service, it is appreciated very much.

Carolyn Shea
Comm. Service Chair

Year To Date
Quilts - 27
Pillowcases - 127

MARK YOUR CALENDERS
April 30
Community Service Day



Red Top 2024: Reflections

Daryl Miller & Kate McKenney



Hello Red Top Quilters!

Oh my gosh! It's almost time!

If you haven't started packing, what are you waiting for? We will be setting up for the Red Top Reflections Retreat on Monday, March 11, and if you would like to set up your sewing area you are welcome to come from 2-4 pm. We open at 8:30 on Tuesday, March 12 with the official kick-off at 9:30.

Bring what you need to have a fun week at the retreat.

But remember this is a state park, not the Hilton, so plan to bring things for your comfort, too. Don't forget your sewing chair. Yes, I'm serious. You may be used to sitting in an adjustable chair and may be at a higher table than you are used to, so your back and shoulders will feel it. I'm bringing my computer desk chair. And then, your sewing machine and ALL its accessories. That really means the power cord and foot pedal. Definitely the $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot and bobbins for the machine you are bringing. Maybe a mini table for your machine? All your own sewing projects. See the checklist for more complete packing suggestions.

Don't forget to bring scraps for Scrap Mountain (Rose is worried...).

Red Top Continued....



Check your email for last minute updates if you are registered, and if your calendar has cleared, and you'd still like to go, we have two cancellations so give us a call. Those ladies would love to get a refund. The price is \$175 for March 12-15 includes catered lunches and dinners, Games, an Amazing Goody Bag, Special Projects, and Ricky Tims Kool Kaleidoscope classes. We are setting up for some serious fun!

RED TOP GAMES

- **Bring the 3 B's:**
- **3 Black and White Fat Quarters (real white, not cream she says...)**
- **3 Batik Fat Quarters**
- **3 Blender Fat Quarters (those tiny prints that look like a solid when you step back).**
- **A favorite notion in the \$15 range**

Daryl & Kate

Ricky Tims Kaleidoscope Links



Here are the links to watch the videos:

Kool Kaleidoscope Lesson

1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atwmkk8mck8>

Kool Kaleidoscope Lesson

2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLq3jkoDEIQ>

Kool Kaleidoscope Lesson

3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuCm1JlfsRw>

Kool Kaleidoscope Lesson

4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUirBUeuTSl&t=1581s>





Birthdays in March

Beth Virden 3/9

Dianne Chestnut 3/10

Jan Cox 3/10

Carol Bobar 3/15

Susan Richardson 3/25

Paula Grigsby 3/27

Dianne Olsen 3/31

Huguette Boyer 3/31



Happy Birthday to all!

2024 AQG Medallion Quilt

Danielle Morgan

March Sashing:

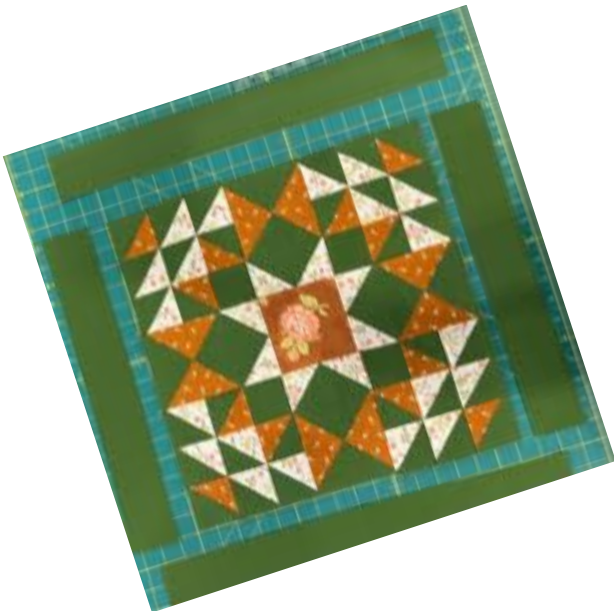
2 2 1/2" x 16 1/2" sashing

2 2 1/2" x 20 1/2" sashing

I used background fabric for this. Feel free to choose what you would like.

This is the only month where sashing will be assigned by itself.

I was still hearing from people last week that they are working on their center blocks, and I hope you are ready when April comes along!



Quilting Quips Corner

Several years ago, I was in a small women's study group. One of the memorable lessons was that people we encounter are a **treasure** – a gift that we should not take for granted. This lesson popped into my mind today as I thought about our upcoming Red Top Retreat.

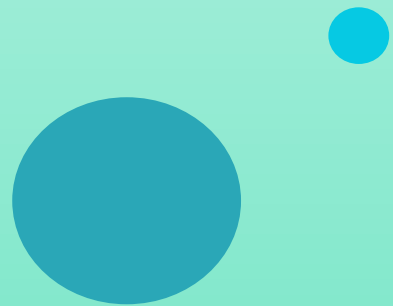
I absolutely love the Red Top experience an abundance of snacks, an abundance of friends and chat; seeing the pieces that people are working on; trying new things through the special project; sharing great meals, playing games, searching through scrap mountain, enjoying surprises, spending the nights in a cabin and even the occasional journey to the restroom when there's sunshine and a warm breeze...it's all great!

However, the best part of Red Top is the opportunity to spend significant time with women who love the same craft that I love. Each person is so unique in how they approach the creative process. Each with a unique personality that is reflected in the quilts they create.

The quilts -treasures, we hope, for the recipients.

The women – treasures to be appreciated for their uniqueness and contributions to our Red Top experience.

Red Top – an experience to treasure.



AQG RECIPE CORNER

A BLAST FROM A PAST MEMBER!!

Impossible Chicken Pie

1 package (10oz) frozen broccoli
3 cups shredded cheese
1 1/2 cups cooked chicken
2/3 cup chopped onions
1 1/3 cups milk
3 eggs
3/4 cup Bisquick
3/4 tsp. salt (if desired)
1/4 tsp. pepper



Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

10 1/2 x 1 1/2 pie plate greased

Rinse broccoli

Mix broccoli, 2 cups cheese, chicken and onions in pie plate.

Beat eggs, milk, salt, pepper and Bisquick till smooth and pour over ingredients in pie plate. Bake 25 to 35 minutes or until knife comes out clean. Remove from oven and top with remaining shredded cheese. Return to oven for a minute or two till cheese melts.

Annie Ruth Davis 1988

AQG LONG ARM QUILTERS AVAILABLE

Cindy Christenson 770-598-5751

email: mycountryquilting@gmail.com

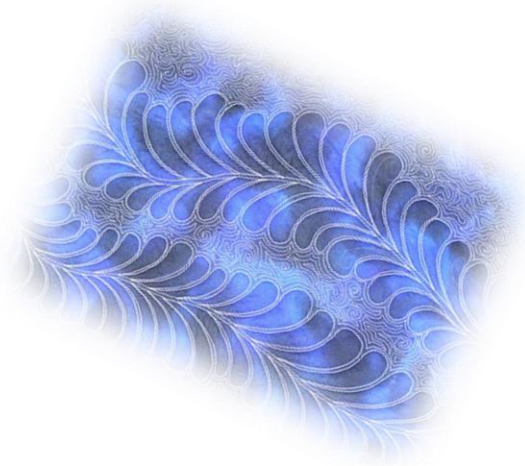
Jan Cox 678-982-4326

email: janicecox01@gmail.com

Jill Kirkland 404-936-7140

email: jillklump@comcast.net

Please contact them personally with any questions.



TIP OF DAY!

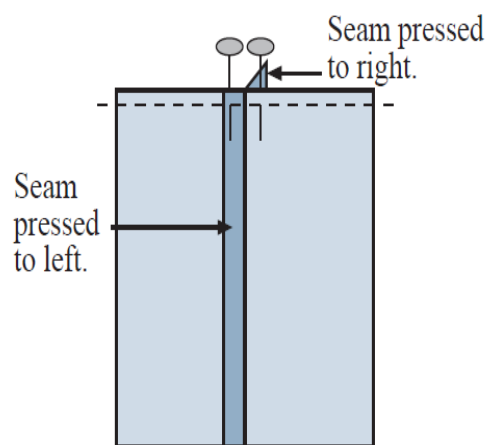


Pressing & Pinning.

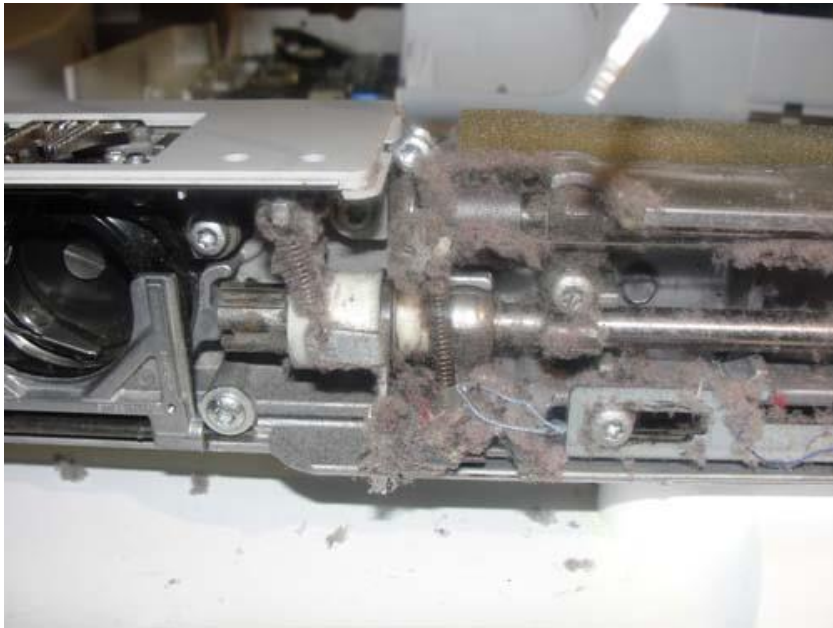
1. To make neat corners and points, seams must meet precisely. Pressing and pinning can help achieve matched seams.
2. To press, set your iron on cotton. Use an up-and-down motion, lifting the iron from spot to spot. Sliding the iron back and forth can push seams out of shape. First press the seam flat on the wrong side; then open the piece and press the right side
3. Press patchwork seam allowance to one side, not open as in dressmaking. If possible, press toward the darker fabric to avoid seam allowance showing through light fabric. Press seam allowances in opposite directions from row to row. By offsetting seam allowances at each intersection, you reduce the bulk under the patchwork. This is more important than pressing seam allowances toward dark fabric.
4. Use pins to match seams. With right sides facing, align opposing seams, nesting seam allowances as shown in diagram at right. On the top piece, push a pin through the seam line $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edges.

Then push the pin through the bottom seam and set it. Pins should NOT be directly in the seam to hold it. We pin about $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from where the seams meet as shown in the diagram. Pin all matching seams; then stitch the joining seams, removing pins as you sew.

5. When triangles are pieced with other units, seams should cross in an "X" on the back. If the joining seam goes precisely through the center of the X, the triangle will have a nice, sharp point on the front when pressed.



WHY YOU SHOULDN'T USE CANNED AIR ON YOUR MACHINE!



Reason: Because the lint and debris is pushed back into the back of your machine!

Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Sue Zabell

The meeting opened promptly at 10:00 a.m.

There were two first time guests – both “Marys” were relatives visiting Guild members. Welcome!

Approval of Last Month’s General Meeting Minutes

First – Danielle Morgan

Second – Debi Cannizzaro

Birthdays for this month

Debbie Loizzo

Happy Birthday to all!!!!

2/11 Debbie Court

2/12 Karen Gilbreath

2/12 Kathy Zimmer

2/16 Cindy Deucher

2/17 Dottie Duvall

2/27 Malinda Thomas

General Meeting Minutes continued

General Meeting Items

Programs 2024

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

VP Beth Aiken reported on the following:

- UFO program: Members select their own project/projects each month. Completed projects to be presented at General Meetings. UFO can be a portion of the project: piecing, quilting, finishing, etc. Member sets goal – HONOR SYSTEM
- Block Exchange: all members can participate by purchasing one or more FQ for \$3.50 and then create up to FIVE blocks of their choice using the FQ and fabrics from their own stash. Blocks should be labeled with the member's name and turned in when completed. All blocks will be due at time assigned. A member's name will be put in drawing for each block they contribute, e.g., 5 blocks – name goes in 5 times. Drawing for a collection of blocks will be drawn at December meeting. Winning members will have enough blocks to make a quilt.
- IYOUR IDEAS NEEDED! If you have a suggestion for a Guild program please let Beth or one of the program team members know. This is YOUR guild so your suggestions are important!
- Program today will focus on various methods of making labels.
- Team is researching a Portrait Class by Ben Hollingsworth which would be lecture and ½ day class; details to follow.

Budget Report

Sue McBride

- Sue reported that church acknowledged our Food Pantry contribution and are very grateful for our generous donations.
- Total in Checking: #17,627.33
- Total in Savings: \$5,336.00
- Grand total: \$22,963.33
- A detailed report was distributed to the entire membership prior to the meeting.

General Meeting Minutes continued

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

BOM

Danielle Morgan

Danielle is very pleased with response and interest in doing the BOM project. Instructions/overview has and will be included in the Guild Newsletter.

Communications

Nancy Draheim

All is good.

Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

- Carolyn reported that she's received 15 quilts, 43 pillowcases and 3 bears. Our next community service day will be April 30.
- Jill reported that kiddy beds are to be 11x16 ½ and should not contain batting or fill. Cherokee; Shelter: 15 in square.

Membership

Barbara Means

76 members; Name tag drawing: Robin was winner!

Red Top 2024

Daryl Miller/Kate McKenney

- Buddy's have been assigned for new attendees. Let Daryl or Kate know if questions.
- Daryl talked and demonstrated information regarding the Kaleidoscope Quilt: colors, strips, strips width – great information. She reiterated the importance of viewing the Ricky Tims YouTube link that is contained in the newsletter. This will help members in preparing for the retreat quilt project. She recommended that strip sets be made prior to the retreat.

General Meeting Minutes continued

Sit and Sew

Zoom (Kate McKenney)

Next Sit and Sew is February 13; there will be no Sit and Sew in March due to retreat.

Special Projects

Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini

Melinda shared info about the Yo-Yo pillow project. Session will be last February 27 at Roberts School. Menu: fruit, veggies, and dips.

Sunshine

Becky Lynn

Michelle Bunker thanked the group for **their** support during her recuperation; Carolyn Shea expressed thanks for well wishes and prayers for her sister Dede; Cindy Christenson doing well Happy to see Kathy back in guild.

Newsletter

To encourage reading of the newsletter Sarah queried the group on who provided the recipe for the newsletter; one member won a small gift for knowing that Diane Chestnut provided the recipe.

BREAK – Buy your Door Prize tickets

Program -Labels

Beth Aiken, Jan Cox, Mary Shubert, Michelle

Bunker, Debbie Winstead

The Program team presented a wonderful program full of suggestions on how to create unique labels for our quilts. Debbie Winstead shared the importance of labeling all of our quilts! Members went from station-to-station to see the varying methods. A “tips sheet” was provided members.

General Meeting Minutes continued

Show and Tell

Members presented UFO's as well as other completed projects. Photos will be posted on the website.

Door Prizes

Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland

Team continues to provide many fun gift options! Several members went home with great gifts.

Meeting Closed at approximately noon.

Sue Zabell

A Red Top meeting was held after the General Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Baumgartel
AQG Secretary

AQG Executive Board Meeting Minutes: Feb 20, 2024

Executive Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2024

President - Sue Zabel opened the meeting at 10:00am. 18 members attended the Board Meeting.

VP Report – Beth Aitken

- March 2024: Lecture on ‘Color’ by Ben Hollingsworth
 - Members asked to bring samples of work
 - Portrait workshop rescheduled; half day will not be enough time for the workshop; date to-be-determined
- April 13-14, 2024: Global Quilt Connection Sampler Plate
 - Beth to register guild and will share more information via newsletter

Treasurer’s Report – Sue Zabel in Sue McBride’s absence

As of 2/20/24, balances are as follows:

- Checking \$16,399.59
- Savings \$5,336.05
- Food Bank check sent: \$69.00

Committee reports of note:

- **Archivist** – Celeste Sheldt: no update
- **Awards** – Vicki Evaristo: no update
- **Birthday Club** – monthly birthdays posted in newsletter.
- **Birthday Club**– Debbie Court: took over for Debbie Loizzo; meeting with Debbie L. to transition cards/stamps; Carolyn Shea has cards to donate; will provide names / dates for newsletter
- **BOM** – Danielle Morgan: absent
- **By-Laws** – Jan Wood: no update
- **Communications** – Nancy Draheim: absent

AQG Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- **Community Service** – Carolyn Shea:
 - 23 comfort quilts collected to date. Acworth Police Department posted photo of bear delivery to department Facebook. 11Alive news saw the post and have requested an interview; more details will be forthcoming. Carolyn spoke with officers about lack of recognition of the bears, toys and quilt donation.
 - Pillowcases: 126 pillowcases donated to date. CHOA 2024 Summer Camp theme yet to be determined; Halloween and Christmas pillowcases always welcome.
 - 55 kitty beds collected to date. Jill will be making delivery and will ask about the need for dog beds.
 - April 30 next Community Service sew day; room reserved at the school
 - November General Meeting: school not available due to presidential election; Carolyn reserved the community room at the police station
- **Door Prizes** – Nancy Klump/Jill Kirkland: going well; membership seems to like format
- **Hostesses** – Roxanne Santini: absent
- **Membership** – Barbara Means: 76 members; members like the changes highlighted with updates
- **Newsletter** – Cindy Christenson / Sarah Craighead (absent): newsletter information due Friday, February 23

AQG Executive Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- **Photographer** – Monique Byrne: absent
- **Red Top 2024** – Daryl Miller / Kate McKenney: 2 openings as 2 members had to drop out; Carolyn, Daryl and Kate to do site visit on Feb 21, 10am; Food cost estimate increased \$720 from 2023; increase will use any unspent committee funds, tip monies; overall concern about getting the food estimate so late; will be asking for tips
- **Special Projects** – Melinda Fulkerson / Roxanne Santini: Yoyo project set for Feb 27
- **Sunshine Club** – Becky Lynn: will include Beth Virden
- **Website** – Kim Ayers: absent
- **Zoom Sit N' Sew** – Kate McKenney: no Zoom Sit N' Sew in March due to retreat
- **Zoom** – Kate McKenney / Cindy Christenson / Kim Ayers / Nancy Draheim: no update

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

By Barbara Means in Sue Baumgartel absence

Sue Baumgartel, Secretary