



Allatoona Quilters' Guild

May 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

All start at 10:00

- May 7 General Meeting **IN PERSON**
- May 14 Sit and Sew **ZOOM**
- May 21 Executive Board **ZOOM** – all are
 welcome
- May 28 Special Projects/Sit and Sew:
 Roberts School

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

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

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President's News!

Sue Zabell



Mother

We all had one and many of us are one. Most of us that quilt had a mother that if she didn't quilt she at least was crafty. I went to Kindergarten in homemade dresses with hand smocking on the front. Every summer when I went to NY to visit, I would take a bag of quilts I had made that year. I'd give my mother a trunk show. She so enjoyed these. There was one quilt she just loved, and I would take it with me every summer. So, as we sew, think of the mothers that gave us the love to be crafty and enjoyed making things.

Sue Z

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

1. We still need someone to step up for Red Top 2025 Chair(s). Plans need to be made and the payment is usually taken around August. If you are interested there are many members that have chaired Red Top in the past and can answer your questions. There can not be a Red Top without someone to chair it. I would hate to see the end of our only yearly retreat. Please let Sue Z know if you are interested.

ALSO:

We are looking for a SPECIAL PROJECTS Chair. If interested, please contact Sue Z

Vice President's News

Beth Aitken

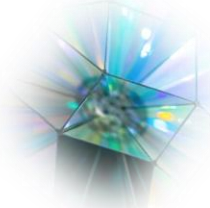


Hi all you Allatoona rockstars,
Lots to keep you all up to date!

As you know, we have Carol Stanek coming to our May General meeting with a presentation of her Quilt journey. She has a fabulous quilt repertoire. She's a Judy Niemeyer certified teacher, also Jacqueline De Jonge, She is certified with Creative Grids rulers and Kidman textile artist, and did I mention Island boutique ambassador?

She has lots of knowledge to share with us at our General meeting and has a fabulous landscape class for us in the afternoon: "It's a beach" we can't go wrong with that right? If you want to delve further, she has a website at stitchwithcolor.com. Check it out!

Hopefully you can join us for her class! Please email me at moveinalong@comcast.net to secure your spot for her landscape class.



Gentle reminders:

Bring your UFOs
Keep working on your block of the month
Remember the vice president Quilt challenge : **Reflections**

When you were watching the Quilt connections over the weekend, did any of the presenters strike your fancy, or technique? Keep your program committee informed on what you would like to see presented.

Meanwhile, we have another member presentation in November, so if there are any techniques you would like to see or present to us,

Please contact me at: moveinalong@comcast.net

Thank you rockstars! What an awesome bunch of women!

You're very thankful program committee,
Beth and her fabulous team. Jan Cox, Debbie Winstead, Mary Shubert, Michelle Bunker.

May 7,

Carol Stanek Lecture

Landscape class following the lecture

Sign up with Beth if interested!!



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2024 Island Batik Ambassador

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Certified Instructor with Judy Niemeyer Quilting

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Creative Grids Instructor

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Gem Affiliate Representing MJ Kinman, Textile Artist

www.mjkinman.com





Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

Ladybugs, springtime in Georgia brings beautiful flowering trees, birds, flowers and butterflies. Please take time to stop and smell the flowers while working on your Comfort Quilt Pledge. And, what better project to bring to our Spring Community Service Day on Tuesday, April 30, at the Roberts School. Bring your project or handwork, lunch, beverage and a snack to share. Doors will open at 9:30 am for setup.

Have a wonderful day and happy quilting!

Carolyn Shea
Barbara Means, Pillowcases
Jill Kirkland, Kitty Beds & Pads



"I pledge to make one comfort quilt for the 2024 Allatoona Quilters Guild donation to the Acworth Police Dept. If I need support in making my quilt, I will look to my fellow quilters for their help."

2024 AQG Medallion Quilt

Danielle Morgan

I HOPE YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE APRIL/MAY PATH FOR YOUR MEDALLION QUILT.

I WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL MAY 18, I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHEN I RETURN!

SEE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS FOR INSTRUCTIONS.





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Barbara Means 5/1
Sue Zabell 5/5
Suzie Callender 5/13
Sue Bennett 5/15
Debbie Davies 5/20
Kim Ayers 5/23
Robin Ranallo 5/25
Patsy Stripling 5/27
Carolyn Shea 5/28



Happy Birthday to all,
Debbie Court

Don't forget to get your Fat Quarter!



Quilting Quips

Recently I was with a group of friends and we were talking about the need to have times of
peace and rest

in the midst of our often too-busy lives.

How do we refuel?

What do we do to fill up a sometime empty internal tank?

Where can we find peace and rest?

I couldn't help but be reminded of the "rest and refuel" I find when I spend time in my sewing
room.

For me, it's a restful place, even when it's a hodge-podge mess ... droppings of fabrics in piles ...
partially finished projects stuck in a cubicle in my bookshelf ... scraps kept in a trash can for dog
and

kitty beds hidden in a corner ... even the project that is calling me to work on it that is a
challenge – just

darn-right hard and filled with sections that need stitch ripper attention!

How is that restful? Or how does that help me refuel or find calm?

I refuel on all the color that delights me. I refuel and find great rest and calm in touching all my
treasures

as I look for just the right fabrics for my new project. I find it almost thrilling when I find just the
right

colors and patterns that work. Even better is opening a new bundle of FQ's or exploring the
goodies in the

middle of a layer-cake bundle. All this and more bring me peace which leads to a feeling of joy.

Overworked? Under-appreciated? Burned out? Filled with worry? Disappointed or hurt?

Take a deep breath and head to your sewing sweet-spot. Grab a container you've not explored
for months

and enjoy the rush of peacefulness as you explore and touch your treasures. Pull out your
container of

patterns and find your next project. Take a little step in moving forward on your UFO.

I can almost guarantee you'll feel better after your journey into the sanctity of your sewing
world. Be

thankful for the peace and joy you find there.



Recipe Corner

Macaroni and Cheese Recipe

8oz elbow macaroni
1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese (grated)
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup grated onions
3 tbsp butter
Ritz crackers

Cook macaroni until done. Drain immediately. Mix all ingredients together and place in casserole than top with Ritz cracker crumbs.
Cook for 25 minutes in oven at 325 degrees.

Doris Coffey



TIP OF DAY!

Straight Sewn Borders

Straight sewn quilt borders, also called **butted borders**, are quick and easy to sew—that's probably why they are the most commonly used borders for quilts.

Borders are usually sewn to the two longest sides of the quilt first and then to the remaining two sides with the final two extending straight across the ends of the first borders. The steps are:

Measure the quilt from top to bottom through its vertical midpoint.

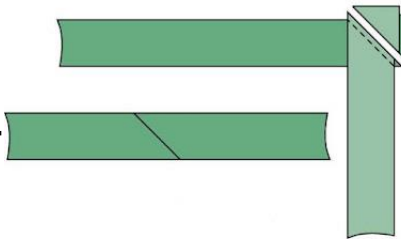
Cut two border strips that match the measurement exactly, using the width you've already determined looks best with the quilt. Borders made with [crosswise grain](#) strips are somewhat more stretchy than [lengthwise grain](#) border strips, but either type is suitable.

Piece border strips end-to-end to achieve length. Strips lose 1/4 inch for each seam it takes to stitch them together, so allow a little extra length when cutting. Sew the strips together along their ends, press seam allowances open to reduce bulk, then trim the strip so that its length matches the measurement in Step 1. Some quilters use 1/2 inch seams.



You could also opt to place a diagonal seam between pieced border strips instead of a seam that runs across each strip's width. Connect the strips with the same technique used for [continuous binding strips](#).

This is a mitered border





Japan Tours with Patricia Belyea

Quilter and teacher Patricia Belyea is co-leading four tours to Japan in late Fall 2024 and early Spring 2025. The tours focus on quilting and textiles with insider visits, hands-on workshops, celebrity meet-ups, special meals, and more.

The NOV 2024 tour will be co-led by Jane Sassaman and features the Yokohama Quilt Show. The MAR 2025 tour will be based in Kyoto during Cherry Blossom season!

Each tour is limited to 16 participants. All places are Single Occupancy in 4-star hotels.

For the trip of a lifetime, check out itineraries and pricing at <https://okanarts.com/pages/tours>



Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024

Welcome and Announcements Sue Zabell

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Sue Zabell.

Visiting today – Susan Carroll's sister, Brenda Carroll.

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes

1 st

Glenna Martin

2 nd

Carolyn Shea

Birthdays for this month Debbie Court

Happy Birthday to all!

Budget Report Sue McBride

Total in Checking - \$13,698.59

Total in Savings - \$5,336.09

Total - \$19,034.68

General Fund – Not reserved - \$4,988.45

Treasurer, Sue McBride, asked that Red Top check recipients please cash your checks.

Programs – Auction Beth Aiken

Ben Hollingsworth will be doing Portrait class April 24; cost #40; please sign up asap and select portrait it you would like to create. Supply details will be sent.

Carol Staneck will be doing a trunk show and landscape class in the future; details will be sent to members.

The Global Quilt Connection on April 13 and 14 will be available to all members. Details will be sent.

AUCTION - Take an hour to buy – all members enjoyed shopping! Results will be presented at the Executive Board Meeting. All funds will go back into the budget.

General Meeting Items

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

Community Service Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

There will be an in-person Community Service day on April 30 at Roberts School. Bring your lunch and project to work on. Carol thanked those who have submitted quilts and notes that one woman,

who is not a member, has contributed a tremendous number of quilts. Thank you to all.

There were no reports on pillowcases and animal beds.

Membership Barbara Means

A new membership list will be sent to members in the near future. There is one new member:

Lois LaBove.

Red Top 2024 - recap Daryl Miller/Kate McKenney

WE NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP FOR 2025

Special Projects Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini

Information will be sent out on Special Projects.

Sunshine Becky Lynn

Please keep Lana in your thoughts and prayers.

Show and Tell

Close- Go see if you won your bid! Sue Zabell



AQG Meeting Minutes

Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

President Sue Zabell

Welcome

Treasurer's Report Sue McBride

Current month's Report

Total Checking - \$9,939.77

Total in Savings - \$5,336.14

Total - \$15,275.91

General Fund (Not reserved) - \$6,263.45

Auction Results: \$1,306.00

Vice President Beth Aitken

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

Two more people are needed for the Ben Hollingsworth class

Carol Stanek – May program; trunk show; afternoon class with techniques on doing Landscape quilt

Quilt Connection was successful; several reported that they attended and found it useful

UFO's/Block programs proceeding

Reflections – VP Challenge upcoming



Committee Chair Reports

Archivist Celeste Sheldt

No report.

Awards Vicki Evaristo

No report.

Birthday Club Debbie Court

Good for next month.

BOM Danielle Morgan

No report.

Bylaws Jan Wood

No report.

Communication Nancy Draheim

All good.

Community Service Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means

Next meeting April 30 at Roberts School; notice will be sent; 231 pillowcases thus far

Door Prizes Jill Kirkland/ Nancy Klump

All set for next month.

Hostess Roxanne Santini

All good.

Membership Barbara Means

80 Members; Lois Labow recently joined and will receive \$5 refund.

Newsletter-Due Date Sarah Craighead/Cindy Christenson

Due Date: April 23

Photographer Monique Byrne

No report.

AQG BOARD MINUTES CONT.

Red Top

No volunteer as yet.

Special Projects Melinda Fulkerson/Roxanne Santini

Two projects can be worked on at next session: April 23 at Roberts School. Tortilla warmer or

Block Rollup

Sunshine Becky Lynn

All fine.

Webmaster Kim Ayers

All fine.

Zoom Kate McKenney, Cindy Christenson, Kim

Ayers, Nancy Draheim

All fine.

ZOOM Sit-N-Sew Kate McKenney

Next session May 14.

Other Discussion: None s

Closed Meeting at 11:10.

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.