

## 2014 AQG Yearly Summary

President - Carolyn Shea  
Vice President - Carol Bobar  
Secretary - Bonnie Davidson  
Treasurer - Debbie Webb

### Meeting Programs

Jan - meeting canceled due to Inclement Weather  
Feb - Jan Cunningham "Confessions of an ADD Quilter"  
March - Holly Anderson "Using Due Cut Fusible Fabric Applique Shapes "  
April - None - (Police Program was canceled)  
May - Stacia Robles "Conquering Pinterest"  
June - Picasso Challenge Reveal  
July - None - due to last minute meeting date change at request of Parks and Rec  
August - Karen Tunnell "Mini Quilted Landscapes"  
Sept - Anita Heady "Stretching the Strings" String Quilts  
Oct - Silent Auction  
Nov - Lynn Reinhart "New and Old Quilts and Why they should be Appraised"  
Dec - Holiday Party with Gift Exchange of Zipper Bag and Kaffe fabric Block Lottery

Birthday Club - 17 members have signed up for the club. Every participant brings in a FQ for that months birthday participants.

Monthly Sew ins - on the 3rd Thursday of each month, open sew days from 9am - 5pm

BOM - Melinda Fulkerson presented an 8 month Mystery Quilt BOM this year. It was designed by Pat Wys.

Fabric Exchange - each quarter of the year we will exchange different theme fabrics. Q1 was (8) Fat 1/8s of Kona Solids, Q2 (8) Fat 1/8s of Reds, Q3 (8) Fat 1/8s of Batiks, and Q4 (8) Fat 1/8s of Blue and White.

Quarterly Quilt - none this year

### Special Projects

Jan - Valentine Banner  
Feb - 2 Color Binding Technique  
March - none  
April - Fabric Basket  
May - Small Pillow or Wall hanging  
June - Folded Star Table Topper  
July - Fabric Purse  
Aug - 10 minute Tablerunner  
Sept - Halloween Pumpkin Wallhanging  
Oct - Folded Blocks from 5" and 10" squares  
Nov - Tips and Tricks for Quilting  
Dec - None

Food Pantry - President's Challenge - Year long collection to benefit the local Acworth Food Pantry

Red Top Mountain Retreat - Our yearly retreat was held for 4 days in March with the theme of Quiltville Comes to Red Top. 52 Members attended. Sue McClain and Melinda Fulkerson were the Chairpersons. Jim Warf of Deckerd Needleworks in Deckerd, TN was the featured shop on site. Bonnie Hunter's Sister Choice Quilt was the featured quilt to make.

Community Service - Members were asked to sign a Pledge to make one quilt this year. Members were also asked to make one more quilt as a Challenge Pledge to honor the memory of Rose Spataro, former Community Service Chair who passed away this year. As a result of these two pledges, our members made 181 quilts for the Acworth Police and Fire Department to distribute locally through Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center to families in need and 650 Pillowcases for Conkerr Cancer.

Door Prizes - Each month we had a door prize that was funded by the previous months proceeds. Typical prizes are in the \$50 - \$75 range and might be Gift Certificates to local quilt shops, fabric, kits, or notions.

### Other Activities

Special Teacher/Class - Two classes with Jan Cunningham (one in April, one in June) teaching Sharon Schamber's Machine Applique Technique.

Bus Trip - Sept 10, 2014 to AQS Quilt Show in Chattanooga TN. His Majesty Coach Luxury Bus was rented and almost all the 57 seats were filled by members and guests.

Challenge - "Searching for Picasso" - must use the 3 pieces of given fabrics plus up to 4 more fabrics to make a round or square quilt inspired by Picasso.

Silent Auction - October Meeting Program was the silent auction of sewing, crafting, and quilting items to benefit AQQ General Funds.

The Guild made a Donation/Raffle Quilt to benefit the Acworth Parks and Recreation Dept - Lucky Stars pattern in batiks, pieced by Barb Levan and quilted by Michelle Wyman.

By Laws - No changes

Inclement Weather Procedures - We follow the Cobb County School closure policy. If the schools are closed, then our meetings are canceled.



## 2015 AQG Yearly Summary

President - Carolyn Shea  
Vice President - Connie Kessler  
Secretary - Robin Kinley  
Treasurer - Debbie Webb

### Meeting Programs

Jan - Trunk Show by Melinda Fulkerson  
Feb - Quilto - 2 FQ buyin per card with 2 card maximum per person  
March - Demo Day - 6 demo stations for members to rotate through: Quilling by Carolyn McQueen; Paper Piecing by Huguette Boyer; Invisible Binding by Melinda Fulkerson; Ruler Tips by Carolyn Shea; Back Basting Applique by Carol Bobar; Clothesline Basket by Rose Archer  
April - Color Challenge Reveal  
May - Judy Alexander Trunk Show on Landscape Art Quilts  
June - Heather Scrimsher - Graphic Quilts from Everyday Images Trunk Show  
July - Julia Wood Trunk Show - Quilts with Hexagons, and afternoon class making Hexies from Circles and with English Paper Piecing  
August - Andi Barney Modern Quilts Trunk Show  
Sept - Veterans Quilts of Valor Presentation and Patriotic Picnic Luncheon  
Oct - Sashiko Trunk Show by Nancy Schreiber with afternoon technique class  
Nov - Candace Hassen - What is Inspiration? Trunk Show and Thanksgiving Dinner  
Dec - Christmas Party with Stocking Exchange, 'Halloween' Quilt Block Drawing, and Christmas Dinner

Birthday Club - 14 members have signed up for the club. Every participant brings in a FQ for that months birthday participants.

Monthly Sew ins - on the 3rd Thursday of each month, open sew days from 9am - 5pm

BOM - This year we made a scrappy House Quilt, led by Melinda Fulkerson

Fabric Exchange - Each month this year we will exchange (30) 2" finished HSTs. Each month will be different color and they must be pieced on paper such as Thangles.

January - Blue February - Green March - Red April - Yellow May - Black June - Purple July - Orange  
August - Teal September - Pink October - Brown November - Quilters Choice December - Gray

### Special Projects

Jan - Fabric Buckets  
Feb - cancelled due to weather  
March - cancelled due to RTM preparations  
April - Quilt Block Roll Up Carrier  
May - Screen Mesh Beach Bag  
June - Working with Selvages - demo and trunk show by Nancy Eldred and make a selvedge mug rug  
July - Non Slip Sewing Machine Pedal Pad and Cord Wrap  
Aug - Modern 'Stitch and Slash' Art Block - demo and tutorial by Sue Baumgartel - make a small art block  
Sept - Embroidery Hoop Clock, demo by Melinda Fulkerson  
Oct - Insulated Mason Jar cozy  
Nov - Roll Up Placemat and Cup Cozy  
Dec - Tulip Nesting Bowls and Fabric Phone Charging Station

Food Pantry - Year long collection to benefit the local Acworth Food Pantry, also called The President's Challenge.

Red Top Mountain Retreat - Our yearly retreat was held for 4 days in March with the theme of Rosie The Riveter Comes to Red Top. 55 Members attended. Connie Kessler and Dottie Pittman were the Chairpersons. Jim Warf of Deckerd Needleworks in Deckerd, TN was the featured shop on site.

Community Service - Members were asked to sign a Pledge to make one quilt this year. Members made 218 quilts for the Acworth Police and Fire Department to distribute locally through Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center to families in need, 6 Veterans Quilts of Valor, and 749 Pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly Conkerr Cancer).

Door Prizes - Each month we had a door prize that was funded by the previous months proceeds. Typical prizes are in the \$50 - \$75 range and might be Gift Certificates to local quilt shops, fabric, kits, or notions.

### Other Activities/Info

Presentation of a Disappearing Pinwheel Quilt in 30's fabrics to Carolyn Shea for her service as President 2015.

Dues - \$20 for the year with emailed newsletter. \$30 for the year with mailed newsletter. We ended the year with 91 members.

Special Teachers/Classes - Julia Wood taught Hexies in July, Nancy Schreiber taught Sashiko in October, Judy Alexander taught beginner's Landscape Art Quilt in November.

UFO Challenge - Finish 8 UFO's over 8 months. Bring in a batik FQ penalty if you don't finish the number drawn for the month - March through October. Those who finish UFO's are eligible to win the FQ's in a drawing in November.

Color Challenge - Minimum 120 inches, use your birthstone color and your birth flower color; pieced, appliqued, paper pieced, embroidered...your choice. May add 1 or 2 other colors and may include one neutral (white, cream, or black)

Members will vote for: Best representation of birth month and member's favorite

Bus Trip to AQS Quilt Show in Chattanooga, TN Sept 16, 2015 His Majesty Coach Luxury Bus was rented and almost all the 57 seats were filled by members and guests.

By Laws - Reviewed and emailed to all members

Inclement Weather Procedures - We follow the Cobb County School closure policy. If the schools are closed, then our meetings are cancelled.



## 2016 AQG Yearly Summary

President - Dottie Pittman  
Vice President - Sue McBride  
Secretary - Kim Ayers/Ileana Campagne  
Treasurer - Barbara Rotundi/Connie Kessler/Kim Ayers

### Meeting Programs

Jan - Muriel Pfaff - Voices of the Past Presentation on Carrie Nation  
Feb - Ginny Greaves - Journey of the Southern Art Quilter - Presentation and Trunk Show  
March - Getting to Know You - Social Event  
April - Pam Cobb - Organization and Efficiency - Quilting with No Free Hands Presentation  
May - Community and Women's Safety with tour, held at the new Acworth Police Station  
June - Diane Knott - Scrap Quilt Secrets  
July - Andi Barney - Sewing Machine Maintenance  
August - Member Trunk Show of completed 2015 BOM quilts and Charm Pack Challenge Reveal  
Sept - Demo Day - cutting bias strips and binding, using various rulers, fabric origami, making half square triangles, quick ways to attach labels, and using a fusible grid.  
Oct - Silent Auction with Scrap Mountain Buffet  
Nov - Lynn Tipton - 1933 Chicago World's Fair Quilt Contest and Thanksgiving Dinner  
Dec - Christmas Party with Quilt Donation to Police, Patriotic Block Raffle and Pillow Gift Exchange

Birthday Club - We acknowledged all birthdays each month, and a birthday FQ was available as a small gift.

Monthly Sew ins - on the 3rd Thursday of each month, open sew days from 9am - 5pm

BOM - Jeanne Hayden led this years BOM, All in a Row from Moda Bake Shop.

Monthly Exchange - For the first 6 months of the year, make (21) 5 1/2" 4patches from one FQ of Kona white or beige and the color of the month. Jan - Red, Feb - Blue, March - Green, April - Yellow, May - Purple, June - Orange. For the 2nd half of the year, make (21) 5 1/2" Rail Fence Blocks with Kona White or Beige in the center and the color of the month on the outer sides. July - Red, Aug - Blue, Sept - Green, Oct - Yellow, Nov - Purple, Dec - Orange.

Food Pantry - Year long collection to benefit the local Acworth Food Pantry. 2016 AQG donated \$622.83.

Door Prizes - Each month we had a door prize that was funded by the previous months proceeds. Typical prizes are in the \$50 - \$75 range and might be Gift Certificates to local quilt shops, fabric, kits, or notions.

### Special Projects - Melinda Fulkerson

Jan - Stuffed Chicken Pincushions  
Feb - Portable Design Wall made from FoamCore  
March - 3 Ring Binder Cover  
April - none  
May - Steering Wheel Cover  
June - Bean bag Cell Phone Holder  
July - Vinyl Zipper Bag  
Aug - Ironing Board from a folding TV tray table  
Sept - Zipper Bag using only one side of the zipper  
Oct - Casserole Cover  
Nov - No Sew Folded Fabric Stars (Christmas Ornaments)  
Dec - Woven Folded Bowl by Terry Atkinson

Red Top Mountain Retreat - Our yearly retreat was held for 4 days in March with the theme of Cruisin' to Hawaii. A jelly roll strip quilt was made called Diamondhead. 52 Members attended. Carolyn Shea was the Chairperson. Jim Warf of Deckerd Needleworks in Deckerd, TN was the featured shop on site.

Community Service - Members were asked to sign a Pledge to make one quilt this year. Members made 173 quilts for the Acworth Police and Fire Department to distribute locally through Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center to families in need, and over 400 pillowcases were made for Ryan's Cases for Smiles. A quilt was donated to the Acworth Police Department for their auction. A quilt was also donated to the Acworth Police in honor of Private Skip Wells, grandson of a member, who died in service to our country,

President's Quilt - Presentation of 30's Pinwheel Quilt to Dottie Pittman for her service to AQG this year.

Special Teachers/Classes - Diane Knott taught a 3 hour scrap class in June using her Lime Twist pattern. Lisa Wright taught a paper piecing class in Sept.

UFO Challenge - An 8 month challenge to finish one quilt a month from our UFO's. Penalty is one Batik FQ if you don't finish that month's UFO, to be used as prizes at the end of the challenge. 18 members participated and 82 UFO's were completed!! Three random winners split the FQ pot.

Charm Pack Challenge - Place a charm pack plus 2 FQs of coordinating fabric in a brown paper bag. Bags will be exchanged and members will make something for the bag's owner with what is in it. You must use at least half of the charm pack, and some of each fat quarter. You may add 1 or 2 fabrics in any quantity.

Silent Auction - This year members will bring their auction goods on the morning of the event and set up their own items and bid sheets. There will also be a "Scrap Mountain Buffet" where members can fill a gallon zip bag will cost \$1 each. 2016's auction made over \$1200 for the guild.

#### Awards -

**GOLD THIMBLE** - Completed quilt **without** piecing or quilting assistance, measures a minimum of 300 inches

**SILVER THIMBLE** - Completed quilt **with** piecing or quilting assistance, measures a minimum of 300 inches

**HEART IN HAND PIN** - A **hand quilted** quilt, measures a minimum of 300 inches. (Quilter receives 2 pins: Gold Thimble and Heart in Hand pin.)

**BLUE RIBBON** - Awarded to the quilter for any quilt or project that is **under** 300 inches.

**BOM PIN** - awarded for completing annual Block of the Month project qualifications.

**CHALLENGE (SPOOL) PIN**: awarded for completing Challenge project qualifications.

#### Procedure:

1. Indicate on Award Clipboard which category your quilt or project goes under; **measure** before meeting.
2. Charity Quilts - A special charm will be awarded at the end of the year for donating a charity quilt or for at least 5 pillowcases. It will not be given during Show & Tell. 2016's charm is the rotary cutter.

Wool Club - an informal club for those interested in working with wool - held concurrent to the BOM this year.

Bus Trip - to AQS Chattanooga Show on Sept 14, 2016

Membership - We finished the year with 105 members, of which 17 were first time members.

By Laws - Minor grammatical corrections and renaming the Fabric Exchange to Monthly Exchange. Also adding job description to BOM and Monthly Exchange. Changes were approved by the membership in April.

Inclement Weather - We use Cobb County School closure policy: if schools are closed, meetings are cancelled.



newsletter mailed to their home via UPS. The newsletter is mailed/mailed on a monthly basis. The newsletter is sent out approximately one week before the general meeting date. This year a brief study was done to determine if we are charging enough money to cover the expenses of those members wanting their newsletter mailed via UPS. Linda determined this fee did cover this expense.

**RED TOP RETREAT:** Carolyn Shea served as Chairman for the annual quilting retreat which was held at Red Top Mountain State Park from Wednesday, March 16 – Saturday, March 19, 2016. This year we had 52 members attend the retreat. The retreat theme was “Cruising to Hawaii” and the retreat quilt was “Diamond Head” by Cozy Quilt designs. Jim Warf from Decherd Needlework’s came with lots of fat quarters and fabric to sell.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Melinda Fulkerson chaired the Special Projects. We made one small project each month. Some of the completed projects included a chicken pincushion, folded fabric stars, phone stand, folded fabric basket, binder cover, casserole carrier, steering wheel cover, mini notions bag, portable ironing board, single zipper bag, bowl cover, and a fabric clock.

**SUNSHINE CLUB:** Flowers were sent to two members who passed during this year. Hospital visits and flowers were delivered to 7 members while hospitalized. Telephone calls, Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, and Encouragement cards were sent to members as were needed.

**WEBMASTER:** This year, GoDaddy.com changed the coding for websites on their servers. As a result, the website for the Allatoona Quilters Guild had to be completely rewritten. As of this writing, the site has not been able to include the Membership List or Newsletters because needed security is not available.