

2017 AQG Yearly Summary

President - Dottie Pittman
Vice President - Sue Baumgartel
Secretary - Bonnie Davidson
Treasurer - Kim Ayers

Meeting Programs

Jan - Nancy Mahoney lecture and trunk show on scrappy quilts
Feb - Dena Rosenburg lecture and trunk show on Tshirt Quilts
March - Kelly Nagel - Sulky Threads "Create with Confidence" lecture and trunk show
April - Alta Miele - Journey to Scrappy with the Pineapple Block Ruler lecture and trunk show
May - Pat Pugrant - presentation on 18 GA Women of Valor Quilt
June - Youlanda Leverette, Acworth Police Officer, presented Women's Safety Lecture
July - Janice Martinez, Red Cross Volunteer presentation
August - Sue Baumgartel, John C Campbell Folk School presentation
Sept - Andi Barney - Her own Story to be Told, and trunk show of quilts
Oct - Kristi McDonough - Modern Quilts with a Traditional Twist trunk show
Nov - VP Challenge Reveal of A Story to Be Told
Dec - Presentation of Quilts to Acworth Police, Block Raffle, Gift Exchange (Apron)

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

BOM - Melinda Fulkerson presented a mystery 20 block program with 12" blocks that taught piecing and applique skills.

Fabric Exchange - This year we exchanged (24) 6" squares that alternated each month between a color and a novelty fabric. An average of 20 members exchanged 289 bags of squares.

Special Projects

Jan - Scissors Holder
Feb - Midi or Mondo Bag
March - continue on Midi or Mondo Bag
April - Multi Pocket Bags
May - Water Bottle Carrier
June - Receipt Holder Wallet
July - None
Aug - Berry Basket
Sept - Sewing Machine Mat or Armchair Caddy
Oct - Zipper Bags
Nov - Folded Traingle Christmas Tree, Ornament and Table Mat
Dec - None

Food Pantry - Year long collection to benefit the local Acworth Food Pantry. \$1014 was donated in 2017.

Red Top Mountain Retreat - Our yearly retreat was held for 4 days in March with the theme of Turning Twenty at Hobo Junction (in honor of our 20th year of retreats). The retreat quilt pattern was Turning Twenty. 53 Members attended. Linda Basler and Sue Baumgartel were the Chairpersons.

Community Service - Members were asked to sign a Pledge to make one quilt this year. 50 Members made 161 quilts for the Acworth Police and Fire Department to distribute locally through Safe Path Children's Advocacy Center to families in need. 550 Pillowcases were made for Ryan's Cases for Smiles. Sue Zabell was the Chairperson. We had 4 Community Service workdays this year, where

members worked on jelly roll quilts, string quilts, pillowcases and changing pads for veteran new mothers.

Door Prizes - Each month we had door prizes that were funded by the previous months proceeds, usually in the \$50 - \$75 range. Typical prizes might be Gift Certificates to local quilt shops, fabric, kits, books or notions. We sold 1596 \$1 tickets this year.

Birthday Club - The President acknowledged each month's birthdays, and members chose a FQ from a basket as a gift.

Awards - This year 325 quilts were shown and we awarded 4 Gold Thimbles, 21 Silver Thimbles, and 71 Blue Ribbons.

Hostess - This year we had some fun special themes for our luncheon: Tailgating, Brunch, and Salads.

By Laws - New Article XIV was voted on and passed. This Article states the Guild's position on stipends for members who give classes or programs.

Membership - We had a total of 109 members in 2017. 9 were first time members.

Other Activities

Special Teacher/Class - Nancy Mahoney taught a paper piecing class, Alta Meile taught a Pineapple Ruler class, Andi Barney taught an applique class using laser cut, prefused appliques.

VP Challenge - A Story to Be Told. Create a quilt or wall hanging that will be presented to the membership along with the Story of what was learned making this quilt.

UFO Challenge - Participants listed 8 UFO projects to commit to finish over 8 months. A neutral FQ was donated to the pot if a listed project was not completed in it's month. FQs were awarded at the end of the year to participants.

End of Year Block Raffle - FQs of sewing themed fabric are available for \$3, make a maximum of 5 blocks using the FQ to enter to win enough blocks to make a quilt. Drawing is held at the Dec meeting.

President's Quilt - A lovely Christmas quilt made by the members was awarded to Dottie Pittman for her service this year.

Silent Auction - Next auction will be in 2018

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

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2017 ALLATOONA QUILTERS' GUILD

The Allatoona Quilters' Guild meets weekly at the Roberts School Community Center in Acworth, Georgia. The Guild had a very successful year in 2017.

Officers included:

President – Dottie Pittman
Vice-President – Sue Baumgartel
Secretary – Bonnie Davidson
Treasurer – Kim Ayers

PRESIDENT: Dottie Pittman served as President of AQG in 2017. Membership dues were increased effective January 1, 2017 to \$35.00 per member. This increase was enacted with a goal of covering the annual budget expenses. This year was the first year that the membership dues collected covered our operating cost and did not require that we borrow from our monetary reserves. The Guild membership voted to add an Article to our By-Laws which stopped the practice of paying guild members for presenting programs or teaching classes for pay.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Sue Baumgartel served as Vice-President this year. The Vice-President is responsible for preparing programs for the General Meetings. Sue had a theme for the 2017 programs and speakers – A Story to be Told. We had 9 speakers who presented programs relating to quilting and incorporated their own quilting stories into the program. Ten members participated in the Vice-President's Challenge. The UFO Challenge was held again this year with 13 participants completing 64 projects. For the December gift exchange, we exchanged aprons. Sewing themed blocks were made by guild members for the December Block Lottery with 92 blocks turned. Seven members were thrilled to receive a set of 12 blocks to create a quilt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVIST: Michelle Wyman was the 2017 Archivist. The Archivist keeps a history book with relevant pictures, articles and correspondence of the guild's activities. A year end summary was created listing the year's officers, program activities, and other events that took place during the year.

AWARDS: Dianne Olsen served as chairperson of the Awards Committee. The following is a summary of the awards given out in 2017.

Gold Thimble:	4	(quilt over 300" with no help)
Silver Thimble:	21	(quilt over 300" with help)
Blue Ribbons:	71	(less than 300")
Spool Pin	10	(Participation in VP Challenge)

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Dottie Pittman oversaw the Birthday Club. Each month at the General Meeting, members with birthdays were recognized. Each birthday girl was given a fat quarter of their choice as the membership sang Happy Birthday.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Melinda Fulkerson chaired this committee. Melinda designed 20 blocks to be used in making a quilt top. Each month Melinda incorporated a new technique into the blocks for that month starting with simple blocks and leading to more advanced blocks as the year progressed. The last meeting was a discussion of finishing options for the quilt top. Attendance averaged about 25 people attending the monthly meetings

BY-LAWS: Carol Bobar served as By-Laws Chairman this year. The Executive Board voted to add a new Article to the existing By-Laws concerning the payment of stipends to guild members who present a program at a general meeting or teach a class to guild members. Carol presented Article XIV to the general membership. The membership voted and approved the addition of Article XIV to the By-Laws; thus, eliminating the practice of payment stipends to guild members. Carol presided over the elections of 2018 officers at the November General Meeting. The Officers elected to serve in 2018 include: President – Kim Ayers; Vice-President – Dianne Olson; Secretary – Bonnie Davidson; and Treasurer – Linda Basler.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: This committee was chaired by Sue Zabell. We donated 161 quilts and 12 fleece blankets to the Acworth Police Department. We collected 541 pillowcases that were given to Ryan Case for Smiles. There were 4 community service days this year, each attended by an average of 25 members. Sue gave each participating guild member a rotary cutter charm for either completing a quilt or making 5 pillow cases.

DOOR PRIZES: Barb Levan served as the committee chair this year. Door prized had a very successful year. A total of 1,596 tickets were sold with the average being 133 each month. Each month, Barb included the medium Karen Kay Buckley scissor, as well as precuts, kits, patterns, and notions.

HOSTESS: Pat Trapanese and Roxanne Santini were co-chairs for this committee. These ladies insured that paper and plasticware were available for pot luck lunches following the general meeting each month. They kept the community services paper supplies stocked. Decorations and centerpieces were made for each month.

MEMBERSHIP: The guild had a total of 109 paid members, 9 of which were new members this year. Sadly, we had one of our members pass away during the year, and she will be missed.

MONTH EXCHANGE: This year's fabric exchange was 6" squares of tonal and novelty prints. Six months of tonal/color and six months of novelty prints. We had an average of 20 participants per month, and a total of 289 bags exchanged. The thought was that these fabrics could be used in children's quilts. Links were posted to patterns available on the internet.

MONTHLY SEW-IN: Edna Cooper served as Chairman of this committee. The sew-in group meets the third Thursday of each month. Participation varied between 2 and 9 members. Those who attended had a great time.

NEWSLETTER: Most members receive their newsletter via the internet; however, we do have 5 members who pay extra to have their newsletter mailed to their home via UPS. The newsletter is e-mailed to members monthly – approximately 1 week prior to the general meeting date.

RED TOP RETREAT: Linda Basler and Sue Baumgartel were in charge of the annual quilting retreat which was held at Red Top Mountain State Park from Wednesday, March 22, 2017 to Saturday, March 25, 2017. This year the theme was "Turning Twenty at Hobo Junction" with 55 members attending. Some of the activities members could participate in were a late-night bonfire with s'mores, ice cream social, breakfast on Saturday morning, quilting puzzle, hiking lead by park officials, afternoon and evening games.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Sue McBride chaired the Special Projects. We made a small project each month. Some of these projects included quilted scissor holder, Mondo bags, accordion pouch in 2 sizes, water bottle carrier, project bag, wallet/receipt holder, sewing machine mat, and folded fabric tree, wreath, and a hot pad mat.

SUNSHINE CLUB: Carolyn McQueen was the Chairman of this committee. Flowers were sent to two members this year. Hospital visits and flowers or fat quarters were sent to 18 members who were hospitalized or at home due to sickness. Telephone calls, Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and Encouragement cards were sent as needed.