

Barb Pailloz

By Donna Taylor

Barb Pailloz lives in Mansfield, Georgia with her husband of 41 years and two dogs. They moved to Mansfield after living in the mountains of Dillard for 21 years. They have three children and five grandchildren. Barb worked for a CPA, as a church financial secretary, and as the organist at Clayton United Methodist Church.

In 1983 when Barb and her husband were building a log cabin in Dillard, she wanted a log cabin quilt for it. She bought Eleanor Burns' *Quilt In A Day Log Cabin* book and was on her way to quilting. After finishing that quilt, she took a class at Gingersnap Station in Chamblee and was hooked.



Barb is especially fond of batiks and scrappy quilting, hence her devotion to Bonnie Hunter. She has taken many classes and enjoys YouTube and the Missouri Star Quilt Company tutorials. She has made several paper pieced quilts, and Jacqueline de Jonge is one of her favorite paper pieced pattern makers.

Barb can't count the number of quilts she has made, but her children and grandchildren can probably tell you because they have a lot of them. She has made many quilts for church fundraisers. She is a member of the Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild, Lake Oconee Quilt Guild, and UFO Quilters.

Her quilting studio is full of fabric, sewing machines, a mid-arm, and an embroidery machine. Barb uses her embroidery machine to decorate her clothing, make quilt blocks, and make labels for quilts. The view from the many windows in her quilting studio is conducive to creativity. She has the sense of being outdoors in her studio.

At the International Quilt Festival in Houston this year, Barb took classes on the Sweet Sixteen Mid-Arm Quilting Machine. In a class taught by Debby Brown, Barb learned how to use rulers and the better ways to handle a large quilt when quilting by machine. "Houston was a once in a lifetime dream of mine, and I enjoyed every minute of it," Barb said.

If you mention a quilting retreat, Barb has probably already signed up to go! You may see her at the Quilting in Toccoa retreat, at the Georgia Quilt Council SewFest Re-treat and Convention, or the Mountain Quilt Fest in Pigeon Forge. She will be going on a quilting retreat in February, at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Barb is just having all the fun!